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Editorial

Dr. Hoffman's Message

AT a luncheon meeting arranged by the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, Dr. Conrad Hoffman, Director of the International Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews, reviewed recent activities in this field of work. Never has the Jew been more in the public eye than now when a tide of anti-Jewish feeling is sweeping over the world, affecting even Great Britain, the United States and Canada. Instead of referring to the Jewish problem, Dr. Hoffman said people should speak rather of the Jewish challenge or opportunity. He later reminded his hearers that if Gentiles were really Christian, there would be no problem. The wide dispersion of the Jew, in his opinion, is providential, providing a whetstone on which Christianity is being tried. The all-important thing in the situation in Germany, with the movement to eliminate everything Jewish from their religion, is that it is being demonstrated that they cannot ''de-Judaize'' a country without ''de-Christianizing'' it,—anti-Semitism and Christianity are irreconcilable. There are even now in Germany Christian men and women who are friends of the Jews and provide a refuge for them. The Irish Presbyterian Church is allowed to continue its work in Hamburg, although over a year ago it was ordered to close. In other countries anti-Semitism is doing its work. In Poland, where one million Jews are involved, forced migration was suggested as a remedy, but Russia alone would receive them. Farther east, the conflict between Jews and Arabs has awakened the desire for a Pan-Arabian nation.

''In the face of the present situation what,'' Dr. Hoffman asked, ''are the Christian Churches doing?'' It offers a three-fold challenge: to the reality of Christian living; to the content of the Christian faith—what has it to give the Jew that he has not in Judaism?; and to the missions of the Church,—if there is no Gospel for the Jew, why one for the Moslem or any other? Christian missions to the Jews have, in fact, been the most successful of all missions. The intolerance of centuries must be broken down, Christians must show friendship to the Jews. The Jews will respond if they see that Christians are sincere. Progress is being made; Churches are thinking of the Jew, he declared, as never before. The Jews in many countries are asking Christians for help. Dr. Hoffman himself is being repeatedly invited to speak to Jewish groups, and for their difficulties he sees no solution apart from Christ. ''The Jew'', he concluded, ''will, humanly speaking, come to Christ, only as we become more Christ-like. Perhaps, that is why the Jew is in our midst; if he makes us more Christ-like, he will have done his work.''

A Visitor from New Zealand

IT was unusually interesting for the Council Executive to have as a recent visitor Mrs. Thomas Tait, of the First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, New Zealand. She brought greetings from New Zealand and the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union with which she has been long connected; she was at the organization meeting thirty years ago. She is Secretary of her branch, Vice-President of the Presbyterial of Dunedin and Central Otago, and a member of the Dominion Board. Interested first in the New Hebrides, the P.W.M.U. has also missions in China and India, and among the Maoris. Although times have been difficult in New Zealand, as elsewhere, missionary money in her congregation comes only from free-will offerings; the women will no longer have what she aptly described as ''Bring and Buy Sales''. In 1935, £108 16s. had been put into the decorated bowls on the tables at their special meeting and last year's offering was even larger. By a special effort last year the P.W.M.U. raised £5,000 for a Superannuation Fund for women workers—without interfering with the ordinary budget. For the Maori Mission each member gives a shilling on her birthday, over £1,000 being raised thus. The sale of used postage stamps, collected by the children, the Busy Bees, brings in over £100. The Maori Mission has now its own printing press, and hymns are printed in their own language,—they have long had a Maori Bible. The Maori women have a P.W.M.U. of their own. Thanking Mrs. Tait for her message of good cheer, the President asked her to take back to the women of New Zealand the sincere greetings of our Society.

Mr. Hugh Redwood at the Service of Witness

ON November 18th several thousands gathered in the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, for the Service of Witness in connection with the campaign for the Evangelization of Canadian national life. Representatives of all Protestant Churches and the Salvation Army took part in the service. In his address Mr. Hugh Redwood, of London, England, appealed to Canadians to throw off the apathy of the last years, to face reality, and do something personally to make the world a better, cleaner place, nearer the Kingdom of God.

Referring to the words from Jeremiah, ''Old cast clouts and old rotten rags'', Mr. Redwood said that but for cast-off clothing he would not have been in Canada, for in helping to carry relief clothing at the time of a great disaster in London in 1928, he had come into contact with the Salvation Army. He uttered a warning against substituting for the Gospel of Jesus Christ a so-called social Gospel—''a high-sounding name for the cast clouts of true Christianity''. As Jeremiah was not lifted out of the dungeon with rotten rags, so souls cannot be saved with second-hand clothing or a social Gospel, he declared. There is need for a great army of the King's servants equipped with the ropes of salvation. Give to all, he urged, the compassion that was in Jesus Christ, something so much deeper and greater than pity.

News from South Africa

A VERY cordial welcome was given Mrs. J. M. Poole when she brought news of missionary activities in South Africa to the Council Executive on her return from that country. Through Dr. and Mrs. Gray of Johannesburg she had been able to see something of the work there. She was especially impressed by the Day of Prayer services she attended in Johannesburg, for the native women and for Europeans. The native one held on Thursday was to her the more interesting. The large hall was filled with black Christian women who after marching in together sat in companies, dressed in uniforms differing according to the denomination represented,—the Presbyterian, black skirt, white jacket and white knitted cap. A Presbyterian woman was in the chair, and the service was carried on with the aid of two interpreters. It was an inspiration, Mrs. Poole said, to hear the women sing. The coloured people, that is, those who have some white blood, have a meeting of their own. They sent a message that they were praying for the work in Canada. The European Day of Prayer on Friday was an all-day service, beginning at a quarter after nine in the Anglican Cathedral. After an impressive, heart-searching address by the Bishop on what to expect on such a day, especially in praying for peace which can come only through righteousness, they walked in silence, two by two, to the Wesleyan Hall for the regular service which lasted until five o'clock, each denomination having one hour, with prayer, praise, and an address, but no announcement being made as to which denomination was taking part.

The Sunday before the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Association is Association Day, with woman's work the theme of the service. They have no Foreign Mission work, as we understand it, Mrs. Poole said; their work was there at their hand. Each Association branch is supposed to have a native branch. On March 31, 1936, they celebrated their thirtieth anniversary at the annual meeting. Instead of taking an offering then, each branch had taken up its special offering at its own meeting and at the annual meeting each treasurer brought it up before the dedicatory prayer.

Another Successful Chinese Student

ONCE more has come the news of a Canadian-trained Chinese student returning to serve her own people in China. On November 29th Miss Rosalind Wong, of Montreal, sailed from Vancouver for South China to fill the position of Superintendent of nurses in the Chinese Government's Military College for Nurses at Canton. Miss Wong is the first Oriental girl to sit at the nurses' examination of the Association of Nurses of the Province of Quebec. Born in Hong Kong, she came to Canada when very young and has lived with her family in Montreal. After leaving Montreal High School she took her professional training in the University of Rochester Nursing School, and now has gone back to China. ''Nurses are scarce over there and that is where I belong.''

Jessie and Rose Wong.

Christian Literature Society for China

MISS MARGARET H. BROWN, now at the head of the children's work of the Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, writing to express their appreciation of the interest of our W.M.S. in the Society's work and especially in *Happy Childhood,* tells of the plans for carrying on this magazine, which from its first appearance in 1915 until last year was edited by Mrs. Donald MacGillivray. In August Mr. Liu Wen Lin, who for seventeen years assisted Mrs. MacGillivray, resigned to take a position with the National Child Welfare Association of China. The Society has been fortunate in securing in Mr. T. S. Liang an experienced editor of fine spirit and excellent literary qualifications. Born in Canton, Mr. Liang belongs to a family of Christian workers: his father is a pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Canton, his mother the Principal of the Presbyterian Girls' School, his brother with the Y.M.C.A. in San Francisco, one sister a missionary in Malaya, and another a doctor in a mission hospital in Canton. For some years he has been editor of the first pictorial magazine in China, *Good Companion,* besides publishing several books. A Student Volunteer at school, Mr. Liang now wishes to do definite Christian work. He has a peculiar interest in editing *Happy Childhood,* the first literature to influence his life. Already he is planning to publish the magazine twice a month and to try to reach a wider reading public.

A Jubilee Gift to China

OUR readers may remember that Mrs. Donald MacGillivray suggested to the Council Executive that if the Society wished to make a special gift to the Christian Literature Society at Shanghai on the occasion of their Jubilee in 1937, money to defray the cost of publication of one or more books written by Chinese would be greatly appreciated. We are now glad to announce that the Society will be able to comply with this request, because of special gifts of $95 made for this purpose. *The Chinese Mother's Book* will be published as the special gift of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the balance of the money, if any, being used for other publications.

Working Together

JANUARY 1937! 1936 with its encouragements and disappointments has gone, and a *new* year has begun with all that that implies of fresh beginnings and new chances. Having looked back over the past year and taken stock, as it were, members of the Women's Missionary Society look forward to a better year in 1937, a year of greater blessing to them individually and a year of greater achievement in the work for which they have banded themselves together.

To very many the study of the estimates for this year's work will bring a thrill, as the items and figures call up a vision of the workers and those among whom they are working, as well as the groups all over this country endeavouring to fulfil the purpose for which the Society exists. While in great part the work is being maintained as before, there are adjustments to meet changing conditions, so that more effective assistance may be given where the need is greatest, and plans for expansion, for the growth without which there cannot long be real life. Can we do it? Such was the question at the head of Mrs. Strachan's article in the November *Glad Tidings,* and not the question only, but the answer: *Yes, if we are all united.* Therein surely lies the secret of a greater Society, achieving greater results in its high task, bringing deeper joy to its members. Unity is strength—Commonplace as it may seem, this statement expresses a profound truth. We can do together what we cannot do alone. What a power the Society could be in its efforts for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom if it were, in all its parts, moved by that unity of spirit that means vastly more than great numbers!

In considering the year ahead and the estimates for the work undertaken, it might be well to take time to think of the work as a whole, to catch a vision of its extent in Canada and overseas, with the thousands of people involved, of its importance, the worthwhileness of the endeavour, then think of the Society responsible for this great work and the various branches through which it seeks to carry it on: Council, Council Executive, Provincial Societies, Presbyterials, Auxiliaries, Young Women's and Junior Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, Home Helpers, Affiliated Societies—all animated by the one spirit, all sharing in the one task. At the base of all are the Auxiliaries and Bands, of which every W.M.S. woman, girl or child is a member, then up through Presbyterial and Provincial to Council Executive and Council, all so closely united that failure in one affects the whole.

The six provinces are so large, the conditions so different in different parts, that each section has its own problems which must, of necessity, loom large in the eyes of those women who are close to them. There are, too, aspects of work of peculiar interest to some, who have, therefore, a very natural desire to use their energies and contributions for them, which they would be justified in doing if their group were an independent organization. It is, however, only part of the whole. Although there is no compulsion in forming such an organization in a congregation, once having formed an Auxiliary, women are, by the very name, pledged to *help* in the whole work of the Society; otherwise the name *Auxiliary* is meaningless. Every member of every Auxiliary or Band should feel a personal responsibility in the accomplishment of what it undertakes and a personal interest in fulfilling the task to which the Society is committed. Our own special interest in this or that part of the work or in this or that worker should not be allowed to interfere with the carrying out of the policy laid down. And, of course, personal ambition, a critical spirit, petty jealousies—there is no room for such in the service of a great cause. Often the reproach is brought against women that they cannot work together because the personal element cannot be forgotten in the bigger issues at stake. Surely the task to which the Women's Missionary Society is committed is so high that its members must rise above petty personal considerations.

Each part of the organization has its work to do, but all must *work together.* If the Council and the Council Executive have the task of studying and keeping in touch with the whole work of the Society and all its workers, and with the knowledge and insight thus gained and in co-operation with the Church Board, decide on a certain course, adopt a certain policy, then surely each Provincial Society, each Presbyterial, and each Auxiliary and Band will realize its urgent duty to follow that course, to do its share in carrying out that policy. Effective work can be done only if down through Provincials, Presbyterials to Auxiliaries and Bands, all show a readiness to work together, in the utmost loyalty, in support of the plans formulated for the whole Society. Only in such loyal, faithful service in a great cause can real achievement come. Then, too, smaller things will disappear before the spiritual impetus that is gained by closer co-operation and the inspiration of being members of that great body of women who have pledged themselves to the highest service, the advancement of the Kingdom of God. ''Whereunto we are already agreed, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.''

A Call To Prayer

THE World Day of Prayer, which since 1927 has been observed on the first Friday of Lent, comes this year on February 12th. On that day women throughout the world are invited to join in a fellowship of worship and prayer. The programme, on the theme ''The Son of the Living God'', has been prepared by Miss Mabel Shaw of the Livingstone Memorial Girls' School at Mbereshi, Kawambwa, North Rhodesia, Africa, the author of *God's Candlelights,* and is being adapted for use all over the world. For the Inter-Board Committee of the Woman's Missionary Societies of Canada a Service of Worship for Youth has been prepared by Miss F. May Watts, deaconess, of the Canadian Church Mission, in the diocese of Honan, at Kaifeng, Honan, China, now on furlough.

A Call to Prayer in preparation for the observance of the World Day of Prayer has been sent out.

''**Together let us**

''Thank God and praise Him for the manifestation of Himself in Jesus Christ, and in the abundant life.

''Thank God and praise Him for followers of Jesus Christ who have made Him known.

''Thank God and praise Him for the world fellowship of prayer—and let each seek a new consecration to Jesus Christ.

''**Together let us pray**

''That the Church be strong and courageous.

''That the missionary zeal of Christians be purified and spread through all the world.

''That the community in which we live be recreated through the consecrated service of God's children.

''That our nation measure all activities by Christ's law of love and universal brotherhood.

''That the whole earth be filled even in this our day with the knowledge of the living God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ.''

Estimates for 1937

MRS. D. STRACHAN

IT is a great pleasure and privilege to present, in this issue of *Glad Tidings,* the estimates for 1937 as passed by the Council Executive on December 1st, 1936. They were passed subject only to one condition, that if at the end of January our income falls short of our expenditure the 1937 estimates will have to be revised and cuts made, for the Women's Missionary Society must not go into debt. This possibility of a cut hangs like a heavy load on the Council Executive, because otherwise they are really pleased with what has been done with the $151,000 estimate for 1937 passed by Council in May last.

Let us now note the changes, old work discontinued and new work begun.

Because of changes in the water system at Canora which lessen the expenditure, the hospital is able to relieve the estimates of the salary of the fifth nurse for which we are grateful.

In the Chinese work there are several changes. In Toronto the honorarium given Mrs. Ma for teaching Chinese has been withdrawn. Miss Lambert who has given such fine service in Toronto has been retired, leaving Miss Armstrong, who is in charge of the Toronto work, with Miss Lily Yeung her assistant our only workers. To this estimate for Toronto has been added $350 for work among Anglo-Chinese women. This is to be done by Mrs. W. F. Adams, mother of Miss Ada Adams, Formosa, and herself an experienced missionary, who will give part-time service. This work is long overdue and will meet a real need. The estimate for work in Brockville and vicinity has been withdrawn and we part with Miss Davies at the end of January, 1937, with real regret.

Among the Residences it is to be noted with pleasure that Saskatoon carries itself except for the Superintendent's salary and a small local improvement tax; also that, because the Residence at Huntingdon is full, it will not require the amount of $250 usually estimated for school fees and children's board. It should be remembered that though $3,020 is estimated for Vegreville, there is always a substantial amount returned to the Council Treasurer for board from the children which this year, till December 1st, amounts to $650 and will be more before the year ends.

In the Indian work the water, light and fuel at Cecilia Jeffrey is reduced by $200. This is possible because of the increased per capita grant, but it must be remembered that this does not cover all the cost. Fuel at Mistawasis School is reduced $50. Other reductions in the Indian work are due to salary adjustments.

In the Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department there are changes. Mrs. Fesenko, of the Ukrainian Mission in Toronto, has asked to be relieved at the end of April, 1937, hence only four months is estimated for. We regret this and hope that in the near future Mrs. Fesenko may feel she can resume her work. Mrs. Kovacs, of the Hungarian Mission in Hamilton, who is in Hungary, will not return till the end of 1937 and so has resigned. This we also regret. The other deaconesses remain the same, although Miss Hazel Macdonald now occupies Miss Frieda Matthews' post at Red Deer and Miss Matthews occupies a new field in Macleod Presbytery, Alberta. A new estimate also appears for Miss Madill, nurse deaconess in Peace River. Miss Madill has been at work since April 15th, 1936. There was no estimate for her, but the work was so necessary and the request from Presbytery so compelling that the necessary money for salary and expense for 1936 was taken from the Special Fund. It is gratifying that this can now be included within the estimate. Please notice that part of Miss Matthews' and Miss Todd's expenses are borne by the fields on which they serve. This is as it should be. Expansion for two new deaconesses, salary and expenses, appears, and it is unthinkable that this should be cut, in view of the requests for deaconesses already before the Executive. Let us just mention one request—that of Northern Ontario.

A new estimate appears this year for French Mission Work in Montreal. The Presbytery of Montreal and the Provincial Board asked for $300 for this work, and there is no doubt it will commend itself to all our women. You will notice by the Treasurer's statement that for this work the $300 has been provided, but the Council Executive felt it better to include the amount in the estimate without any deduction.

Our old friend Church Extension also appears once more, this time for a grant to the Board of Missions for work in Northern Ontario. This grant does not increase the estimate, as the $2,000 will be taken from the Trust Funds.

Turning to the Overseas work, it is cheering to see Dr. Winchester's name appearing as a new missionary. The money allowed for furloughs has been reduced because our missionaries were turning back balances. It will be noted that the work in both the Bhil and Jhansi Fields has been reduced $1,500. This must in no way be considered a cut. The quarterly financial statements showed that each field was carrying a large balance, and the reduction will not impair the efficiency of the work. The balances are accounted for, in part, by the fact that more fees are being paid by children in our schools and by patients in the dispensaries and hospitals,—in other words, by the work becoming more self-supporting, which is good news.

In Formosa the estimate for the Girls' School is missing, but $1,500 is being allowed for advance work along evangelistic lines. The language study estimate is heavy; this is because all our missionaries must now go to Japan to study Japanese. An estimate for $500 is allowed for medical work, more as a contingency, for it is well known that, outside of salaries, the medical work for some time has cost the home boards nothing.

The estimate for Korean work in Japan gives special delight. The estimate for Bible-women has been increased by $700 and, besides, there is an estimate of $720 for the personal Bible-women for our two missionaries. The demand for Bible-women is increasing; four places had to be refused just recently, though the field offered to pay half salary. The kindergarten work was reduced $200 by the field.

An estimate for $200 will be noticed for medical health work. The salary for a Korean nurse to do public health work is already on the field and the $200 is for her work, which it is to be hoped will begin very shortly. $500 for the salary of Rev. Dr. Kim is also included. He is a very distinguished man, a great evangelist and skilled in the preparation of Christian literature. The Women's Missionary Society allowed the Council on the field to take some money for his salary for part of 1936 and are delighted to be able to include it in the 1937 estimate. The work Pastor Kim will do will be partly evangelistic and partly the preparation of Christian literature which is so sorely needed. Self-support is a great feature of this young mission. We hope all our members get as great a thrill from this estimate as did the Council Executive.

The only building expansion is in India for a small dispensary at Barwani, to cost $450, the money for which is already in the Legacy Fund. The $3,000 asked to build a boys' hostel at Amkhut had to be refused, though sorely needed.

An estimate for four new missionaries is allowed, and this estimate includes travel, outfit, salary for four months, language study, etc. The four required are: one for the girls' school in Jhansi, two for Manchuria and one for South China, where a Chinese young woman has been asked for.

In the Organization Department it will be noticed that Miss Lamont's salary is estimated for only nine months. This has been done to safeguard Miss Lamont's health. Her work has been so much appreciated in the West and such a field of service is open to her that the Council Executive feels she will require to remain in the West for some time. Climatic conditions are such that no one can work continuously; hence Miss Lamont has been asked to work only nine months, one of which is a holiday month. It must be remembered that this $1,350 is not all salary, for from this Miss Lamont has to pay her board and expenses. This applies also to the Young Women's Secretary.

A separate estimate has been made for that most important field of service, Christian literature. Only one of the items is new, *viz.*, that for Korean Christian Literature, $125. This goes to the Christian Literature Society, Seoul, Korea, but will be of help to our mission to Koreans in Japan. It is to be hoped that our membership like making one estimate for all Christian literature and we trust it may be an incentive to make it ten times the amount.

Now for the explanation of ''Miscellaneous''. The item of exchange which is all for India is very large, but quite unavoidable. Let us just remember the favourable exchange to Formosa offsets the adverse exchange to India, because only two quarters, or at the most three quarters, estimates require to be sent to Formosa.

The item formerly called ''Pensions to W.M.S. workers'' is divided: the $1,200 is our rates paid into the Pension Fund of the Church; the $1,000 is for the Special Pensions and the Retiring allowances (less interest).

In the estimate there is an item of $1,800 for the Enlarged Council Executive, Deputation to Provincials, etc. It is felt, and very strongly felt, that this spring two members of the Council Executive should be sent to every Provincial meeting; and the expense of travel is included in this estimate. This is long overdue. The expense of the Enlarged Council Executive is also included. In June, 1937, will be held in Montreal the International Union of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies holding the Presbyterian faith. Miss MacMurchy is President of this Union, and an amount is allowed for sending delegates to uphold our Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society. To aid in arriving at this sum, the Council Executive decided to forgo for 1937 sending any one to the Foreign Missions Conference in New York. This is regrettable, as this Conference is most important. The Council Executive also decided to withdraw from the Home Missions Council, whose problems are not the same as our own. The $400 for Deputation is for the expense of conferences with the Government on Indian work, expenses to Assembly or any conference in connection with the work which demands the presence of a Secretary or Board member.

And so the 1937 estimate goes out to our membership after much thought and prayer. Do not think of this $151,000 in terms of money only, but in terms of human beings. Think of those missionaries of our Women's Missionary Society who stand for us in the forefront in Canada and overseas, and think also of those other sheep for whom Christ died and for whom we have made ourselves responsible. You young women, think of all that can be done with this money by young women, for young women, and through young women. You girls, think of the girls whose lives have been made happier by your work and thought. You older women, think of the realization of your dreams for open doors and pray God that the doors of our own hearts may be opened wide that the year 1937 may be the best in our history and that the many doors open to our Society may be entered in the Name of Him whom we humbly strive to serve.

W. M. S. ESTIMATES FOR 1937

NATIONAL MISSIONS

HOSPITALS

Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Four Nurses' Salaries	3,050.00	
		$4,250.00

Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Three Nurses' Salaries	1,800.00	
Repairs	200.00	
		$3,200.00
		$7,450.00

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Que.—

Miss Agnes I. Dickson, Salary	$1,000.00	
Expenses and Room Rent	410.00	
Travelling and Substitute	100.00	
Miss Elsie Lee, Salary	360.00	
Mrs. J. Herman, Salary (part time)	420.00	
Equipment	30.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	230.00	
		$2,550.00

Toronto, Ont.—

Miss Esther Armstrong, Salary	$960.00	
Miss Lily Yeung, Salary	720.00	
Expenses and Supplies	250.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	300.00	
Bible Vacation School	20.00	
Mrs. W. F. Adams, Anglo-Chinese Work (part-time)	350.00	
		$2,600.00

Vancouver, B.C.—

Miss Ruth Yeandle, Salary	$960.00	
Mrs. G. P. Louie, Salary	720.00	
Supplies and Expenses for two workers	250.00	
Rent Paid to Chinese Presbyterian Church	200.00	
		$2,130.00

Victoria, B.C.—

Miss G. Scott, Salary	$1,060.00	
Miss Grace Lee, Salary	840.00	
Expenses and Supplies	25.00	
		$1,925.00
Adjustment of Work		25.00
		$9,230.00

EDUCATIONAL—PRESBYTERIAN RESIDENCES

New Liskeard, Ont.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$850.00	
Taxes	350.00	
Coal, Maintenance and Repairs	550.00	
		$1,750.00
Saskatoon, Sask.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$900.00	
Local Improvements Tax	60.00	
		$ 960.00
Huntingdon, Que.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$900.00	
Coal and Maintenance	650.00	
		$1,550.00
Vegreville, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$ 770.00	
House Help	500.00	
Taxes	550.00	
Maintenance	1,200.00	
		$3,020.00
		$7,280.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Man.—		
Principal's Salary	$1,350.00	
Matron's Salary	500.00	
Two Teachers' Salaries	1,300.00	
Assistant Matrons' (two) Salaries	1,050.00	
Laundry Matron	500.00	
Nurse's Salary	500.00	
Engineer's Salary	600.00	
Water, Light and Fuel	1,225.00	
Taxes on Farm	53.00	
		$7,078.00
Mistawasis, Sask.—		
Teacher's Salary Paid by Government	......	
Board of Children	$150.00	
Maintenance and Fuel	300.00	
		$450.00
Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ont.—		
Principal's Salary	$1,350.00	
Matron's Salary	600.00	
Nurse's Salary	720.00	
Three Teachers' Salaries	2,100.00	
Sewing Matron's Salary	500.00	
Engineer's Salary	480.00	
Water, Light and Fuel	900.00	
		$6,650.00
Contingency		75.00
		$14,253.00

WELCOME AND WELFARE AND DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

Toronto, Ont.—

Miss Mary Murray (hospital visitor), Salary	$1,210.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Mrs. C. Steinmetz, Salary (part time), Hungarian Work	600.00	
Expenses	57.50	
Mrs. M. Fesenko, Salary (four months), Ukrainian Work	160.00	
Expenses	20.00	
Miss Mabel Booth, Salary, Ukrainian Work	960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$3,227.50

Hamilton, Ont.—

Miss M. Allan, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,170.00

Montreal, Que.—

Miss Iris Munro, Salary (port worker)	$1,060.00	
Expenses	135.00	
		$1,195.00

Saskatoon, Sask.—

Miss Helen Ross, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,070.00

Regina, Sask.—

Miss L. Macarthur, Salary	$1,210.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,320.00

Red Deer, Alta.—

Miss Hazel Macdonald, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	250.00	
		$1,210.00

Macleod, Alta.—

Miss Frieda Matthews, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses (part of expenses paid by the field)	165.00	
		$1,125.00

Wanham, Alta.—

Miss Margaret Grigor, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	250.00	
		$1,210.00

Brownvale, Alta.—

Miss Mary Todd, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses (part of expenses are paid by the field)	50.00	
		$1,010.00

Peace River, Alta.—

Miss Helen Madill, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	175.00	
		$1,135.00

Westminster, B.C.—

Miss S. V. Scott, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,170.00
Grant to Fresh Air Camp		100.00
Contingency		190.00
		$15,132.50

Expansion—

Two New Deaconesses, Salary and Expenses	2,230.00
	$17,362.50

FRENCH WORK

French Mission Work, Montreal	$300.00

CHURCH EXTENSION

Grant to Board of Missions for Work in Northern Ontario	$2,000.00

SUPPLIES

Department Expenditures	$1,400.00
TOTAL OF NATIONAL MISSIONS	$59,275.50

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

INDIA

Bhil Field

Salaries—		
Miss Christina Maxwell	$1,000.00	
Miss Isabel McConnell	934.00	
Miss Marion Williamson	934.00	
Miss Ellen I. Douglas	900.00	
Miss Iris M. Errey	834.00	
Miss B. MacMurchy	834.00	
Miss Mary Sherrick	800.00	
Dr. E. B. Winchester	650.00	
		$6,886.00
Vacation Allowances		525.00
Evangelistic	$1,474.00	
Educational	5,112.00	
Medical	4,000.00	
Miscellaneous, Repairs, Taxes, Itinerating, etc.	1,090.00	
	$11,676.00	
Reduced, because of balance on field	1,500.00	
		$10,176.00
Furloughs and return travel		1,125.00
		$18,712.00

Jhansi Field

Salaries—		
Miss F. I. Stringer	$1,000.00	
Miss A. L. Whatling	1,000.00	
Miss L. A. Simpson	900.00	
Dr. E. H. Thurrott	834.00	
Replacement, Salary, in Girls' School	650.00	
		$4,384.00
Vacation Allowances		375.00
Evangelistic	$1,450.00	
Educational	4,422.00	
Medical	1,200.00	
Orphanage	615.00	
Miscellaneous, Repairs, Taxes and Itinerating	872.00	
	$8,559.00	
Reduced, because of balance on field	1,500.00	
		$7,059.00
Dr. Thurrott's Furlough		400.00
		$12,218.00
Grant to Ludhiana Medical College	$ 50.00	
Grant to St. Christopher's Training College	100.00	
		$ 150.00
TOTAL FOR INDIA		$31,080.00

FORMOSA

Salaries—		
Miss Alma Burdick	$934.00	
Miss Ada Adams	934.00	
Miss Dorothy Douglas	900.00	
Miss Margaret Ramsay	900.00	
Miss Isabel Taylor	900.00	
Miss Hildur Hermanson	900.00	
Miss Ruth Heighton	900.00	
Miss Mildred Weir	675.00	
		$7,043.00
Mrs. Koa (Special Worker)		500.00
Language Study		1,800.00
Vacation Allowances		450.00
Furlough Allowances		600.00
Evangelistic—		
Evangelism	$1,200.00	
Travel	300.00	
		$1,500.00
Educational—		
Women's School Maintenance	$500.00	
Kindergarten Maintenance	500.00	
		$1,000.00
Medical (to be used if required)		500.00
Miscellaneous, Repairs, Taxes, Rents and Incidentals		1,000.00
Expansion of Work		1,500.00
		$15,893.00

CHINA

Manchuria

Bible Women	$ 400.00	

South China

Grant to Evangelistic Work under the Church of Christ in China	1,000.00	
		$1,400.00

JAPAN

Salaries—		
Miss Jean MacLean	$1,050.00	
Miss Ellen Anderson	950.00	
		$2,000.00
Return Travel for Miss Anderson		275.00
House Furnishings and Repairs		140.00
Vacation Allowances		75.00
Bible Women for Missionaries		720.00
Travel on Field		50.00
Salaries of Bible Women		2,900.00
Kindergarten Work		1,000.00
Assisting Bible School Students		150.00
Tracts and Bible Vacation Schools		150.00
Public Health Work		200.00
Pastor Kim, Salary		500.00
		$8,160.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Miss Olwen Davies, Salary	$1,000.00	
Rent Allowance	240.00	
Vacation Allowance	75.00	
		$1,315.00

TOTAL OF OVERSEAS MISSIONS	$57,848.00

EXPANSION

Barwani Dispensary	$450.00

TOTAL INCLUDING EXPANSION FOR OVERSEAS MISSIONS	$58,298.00

NEW MISSIONARIES

One to India, two to Manchuria, one to South China	$3,350.00

PUBLICATIONS

Literature and "Glad Tidings"

Salaries	$6,160.00	
Office Rent (part)	933.60	
New Publications, free leaflets and mimeographing	455.00	
Annual Reports	1,500.00	
Departmental Tabulated Forms	200.00	
Publications Free to Workers	250.00	
		$9,498.60

ORGANIZATION

Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, Salary (9 months)	$1,350.00	
Travelling Expenses	375.00	
Miss L. K. Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary	1,800.00	
Travelling and Incidental Expenses	450.00	
Miss Violet Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary, Salary (part time)	900.00	
Travelling Expenses	100.00	
Presbyterian Provincial Girls' Camps	100.00	
Grants to Provincials	600.00	
Honour Member Pins for Mission Bands	50.00	
		$5,725.00

STUDENT

Contribution to the Budget of the Missionary Council of the Student Christian Movement	$100.00	
Subscriptions and Student Magazines and Incidentals	25.00	
		$ 125.00

CANDIDATES

Department Expenditure. (The major part of the expense of this Department is borne by the Ewart Fund)	$150.00

LANTERN SLIDES

Slides, lecturettes, boxes, express, etc	$100.00

LIBRARY

Department Expenditure	$250.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Exchange	$4,500.00	
Canadian School of Missions	425.00	
Federated Fees	225.00	
Grant to Knox College	100.00	
Grant to Missionary and Deaconess Training Home	100.00	
Deputation Work	400.00	
Enlarged Council Executive Meeting, Deputation to Provincials and International Union of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies	1,800.00	
Pension Rates Paid to the Church	1,200.00	
Missionaries' Retiring Allowances (less interest)	1,000.00	
Insurance	964.00	
Taxes on Prince Albert Residence	235.30	
		$10,949.30

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Grant to Hungarian Literature	$120.00	
Chinese Literature for Saskatchewan	50.00	
Christian Literature for Manchuria	100.00	
Christian Literature Society, Shanghai	100.00	
Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children	250.00	
Christian Literature Society, Seoul, Korea	125.00	
		$ 745.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	$2,600.00	
Rent (part)	933.60	
Auditing	250.00	
General Expense	1,200.00	
		$4,983.60

SUMMARY

National Missions	$59,275.50	
Overseas Missions	58,298.00	
New Missionaries	3,350.00	
Publications	9,498.60	
Organizations	5,725.00	
Student	125.00	
Candidates	150.00	
Lantern Slides	100.00	
Library	250.00	
Miscellaneous	10,949.30	
Christian Literature	745.00	
Administration	4,983.60	
	$153,450.00	
Less Amount for Church Extension to be taken from Reserve Funds	2,000.00	
Less Amount to be taken from Legacy Fund for Barwani Dispensary	450.00	
		$151,000.00

Sharing The Load

Think not a leader can alone achieve;
She needs the help of others who believe
The cause is just. No worthy fight is won
Without the rank and file to see it done.
Great tasks demand that back of her who leads
Stand many reapers eager with their deeds;
Women pledged to service in a work well planned,
Alert to follow Him who gives command.
Forget not, it was said by Christ, our Lord,
''The faithful, great and small, have like reward.''
The Spirit calls! He urges all to share
In saving youth and childhood everywhere.
It matters not where praises are bestowed,
It matters much that others share the load.
Women, who gladly give their strength and hours,
Who sacrifice themselves and all their powers.—*Selected.*

Across Canada
or
Strengthening Our Home Base

By Miss P. B. Lamont

IN our last year's study most of our attention was given to our work in overseas lands. Let us begin this year by studying the work in our own land, taking Ps. 33: 12 as our text, hymn 648 as our prayer song, and ''I cannot . . . I can . . .'' (*Glad Tidings,* January, 1935, page 1) as our standard of service.

I cannot raise the dead
Nor from this soil pluck precious dust,
Nor bid the sleeper wake,
Nor still the storm, nor bend the lightning back,
Nor muffle up the thunder
Nor bid the chains fall from off creation's long enfettered limbs.
But I can live a life that tells on other lives,
And makes this world less full of anguish and of pain;
A life that, like the pebble dropped upon the sea,
Sends its wide circle to a hundred shores.
May such a life be mine!
Creator of true life, Thyself the life Thou givest,
Give Thyself, that Thou mayest dwell in me, and I in Thee.
—*Horatius Bonar.*

In Canada there are three outstanding needs that our Church is trying to meet. We shall refer to them as A, B, and C and our studies will be based on these needs and the part our W.M.S. is taking in each province in helping to meet them:

A. Strengthening the Church as it is already established.
B. Expansion to pioneer regions.
C. Evangelization of New Canadians or those of non-English-speaking origin—comprising one-fifth of our population.

In each province one phase of the work carried on there will be featured with brief references to the other phases. For material you will be directed to:

G.T.—*Glad Tidings* of 1936 (unless otherwise stated).
P.R.—*Presbyterian Record,* 1936.
G.A.—*General Assembly's Report,* 1936.
I. and S.—*Incident and Story* (Price 25 cents).
L.—Leaflets: Chinese Work in Canada (Price 3 cents).
As We Work Among the Indians (Price 5 cents).
Our Indian Work at Birtle (free).
Map of our Canadian Missions (Price 25 cents).
(These may be obtained from our W.M.S. Publications Department and might be paid for from the Auxiliary Expense Fund.)

Carefully prepared programmes will ensure increased interest. Use map, lantern slides, costumes where possible, impersonation, conversation method and any other device to provide variety and create interest. (See G. T. Jan. page 20).

Study One—In the Province of Quebec.

Montreal.—Here our W.M.S. had its beginning in 1864 in an organization of women to work among the French Canadians. Our Church is again taking up this work.

G.A.—1936, page 9.
P.R.—April, page 116.

C. Chinese work in Quebec and other provinces (except B.C.): work among young people; use of Christian literature; response of Chinese in Canada; reactions in China.

L.—Chinese Work in Canada.
G.A.—Page 20.
G.T.—1936—March, page 97; June, pages 203, 215, 216; December, 403, 415.
1935—May, page 168.

A. Deaconess Work—referred to in Study Four.

School Residences at Huntingdon and other points—
G.T.—March, pages 95-97; June, pages 208-210; December, page 412.

Study Two—In the Province of Ontario.

''The New Canadian is still very much, in spirit and in dreams, a part of the land of his ancestors. 'To-morrow' he will be Canadian.'' Will he be Christian? How can we help him?

C. Work among Hungarians.

G.A.—pages 24-26.
G.T.—Jan., pages 4, 23; April, page 133; June, page 217; December, page 414.

Work among Ukrainians.

G.A.—pages 27-28.
G.T.—June, page 217; Sept., page 298; November, page 388.
I. and S.—page 14.

Work among Chinese and Indians—taken up in studies of Quebec and Manitoba respectively.

A. Hospital visitation in Toronto.

G.T.—April, page 133; October, page 333; December, page 414.

Deaconess work in Hamilton and Residence at New Liskeard are mentioned in other studies.

Study Three—In the Province of Manitoba.

C. Work among the Indians (including Ontario and Saskatchewan). Discuss their claim on us; beginnings of work: (John Black, James Nisbet, Lucy Baker); government treaties, education, religion; results, future prospects.

L.—As We Work Among the Indians.
Our Indian Work at Birtle.
G.T.—March, page 94; April, page 130; June, pages 211-213; September, page 299; December, page 419.
I. and S.—page 38.

Deaconess work at Gonor and East Selkirk touched many nationalities and resulted in the building of a church at each point.

P.R.—March, page 86.

A. Deaconess work in Winnipeg—referred to in next study.
Expansion in new and old areas.
G.T.—May, page 164; November, page 370.
P.R.—July, page 208.

Study Four—In the Province of Saskatchewan.

A.–B.—Church problems and needs.
P.R.—June, page 185; July, page 209; March, page 85.
G.T.—February, page 42; November, page 371.
Deaconess work in cities—a ministry of kindness, helpfulness and sympathy.
G.T.—April, page 148; June, page 219; October, pages 346-348.
C. Healing the Sick—Our Hospitals.
G.T.—1935—September, page 292; October, page 329.
1936—March, page 93; June, page 210; December, page 412.
I. and S.—page 10.
Chinese work referred to in Study One.

Study Five—In the Province of Alberta.

A.–B.–C.—Work of our Rural Deaconesses. "She has made this a different community for us."
In the Peace River District:
G.A.—Pages 17, 18.
G.T.—February, page 68; March, pages 91, 92; April, pages 147, 131; June, page 218; October, page 349; November, page 385; December, pages 412-414.
In the Red Deer District:
G.T.—1935—September, page 296.
1936—February, page 65; November, page 363; December, page 413.
Medical Work:
G.T.—May, page 161; December, page 412.
P.R.—July, page 209; April, page 117.
B. Expansion:
G.T.—April, page 125; October, page 334; November, page 386; December, 413.

Study Six—In the Province of British Columbia.

C. Story of beginning and growth of our Chinese Churches in Victoria and Vancouver.
L.—Chinese Work in Canada.
G.A.—Pages 20, 21.
G.T.—March, pages 97, 98; June, pages 213, 214; December, page 415.
I. and S.—Page 25.
A. City Deaconesses.
G.T.—February, page 42; June, page 219; October, page 344.
B. Expansion in Peace River District.
P.R.—August, page 252.

NOTE.—Further information for these studies will be found in this year's *Glad Tidings*, beginning with this issue. Attention is especially called to Mrs. Strachan's article, *Estimates for 1937*.

A Message for Home Helpers

MRS. JAMES LOGIE, *Secretary*

AS we look back over the years since our Home Helpers Department was first organized in 1907 and mark its gradual and steady growth, the increased interest that has been shown, the deepening of the spiritual side of the work, and the bond of friendship and prayer that exists, surely we may with humble, thankful hearts raise our Ebenezer and say, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us, and we give Him the praise as we realize that only in and through Him can we accomplish any lasting good.

He has blessed us with many faithful secretaries and workers who have been unsparing in their devotion to the cause and whose energy and zeal, combined with their confidence in the possibilities of the department, has made the work a joy and pleasure to us all. We owe much to their efforts and prayers and their unfailing perseverance and patience, and I would say to Home Helpers, ''Give your visitor a welcome when she calls. Her visit means far more than just simply to collect your mite-box or envelopes; she has your interest at heart, she is giving of her time voluntarily, and is ready to give you any missionary information you desire. Let her see that she is appreciated both for her own sake and for the work she represents.'' Sometimes a secretary may call many times before she gets results but eventually she is rewarded with an abundant response. ''Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.''

Our Home Helpers are a great asset to our Society. Their givings are greatly appreciated and the work of their hands, such as knitting, sewing, making quilts, etc., is of great service in our Supply Department.

We greatly regret that there are still some Auxiliaries without a Home Helpers Department. Consequently, many women in those congregations are not linked up with our missionary activities in any way, although many of them are willing and able to help. We need them. We want their interest and their prayers, their sympathy and their cooperation, and we heartily invite them to join up with us. Only united effort can bring success, and we rejoice that this field of service is open to us where we may all join in fellowship and prayer for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Shall we not strive during our anniversary year to reach our objective—Every woman an Auxiliary member or a Home Helper?

Our times are in His hand
Who saith, ''A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God; see all, nor be afraid!''
—*Browning.*

The Home Helpers Department

"A WONDERFUL strength to any Auxiliary!" Thus did Mrs. James Logie in her last report describe the Home Helpers Department to whose work, in accordance with the resolution of the Council, special prominence is to be given during 1937. It will then be thirty years since, at Mrs. Logie's suggestion, a Home Helpers Department was organized in connection with the Women's Home Missionary Society,—and during those thirty years she has been Home Helpers Secretary. In its present form the department has developed from the Home Helpers of the Women's Home Missionary Society and the Scattered Helpers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

It was in 1889 that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of which Mrs. Ewart was then President, adopted the "Scattered Helpers Scheme", presented by Mrs. John Thorburn, of Ottawa. From the next year's report it is evident that two purposes were served by this new departure. "From a Secretary (in the North West) we learn that owing to the severity of the climate and to the fact that some members would have to drive twenty miles, some twelve, some ten, etc., meetings will probably not be held until spring, but *Leaflets,* papers, etc., will be sent monthly. Some of these distant members are enlisted as Scattered Helpers, this scheme being admirably adapted to keep those in such remote places in hearty touch with the work." And the Literature Secretary reports that by the free distribution of Scattered Helper leaflets, and others, in homes where the members are either not interested in the work or where circumstances prevent their attending the meetings, many Auxiliaries were interesting women who otherwise could not identify themselves with the work. Thus in those days of sparse settlements and long distances, through this branch the Society was able to spread information, increase interest, and give many women debarred from ordinary membership an opportunity to share in the work. In 1891, the Home Secretary reports that, in a congregation in British Columbia where it had not then been possible to organize an Auxiliary, eighteen women had constituted themselves a Band of Scattered Helpers, pledging themselves to give at least a certain sum towards the work. In this way their interest would be maintained until they could become an organized Auxiliary. Two years later at the annual meeting members are reminded that "should the difficulties prove insurmountable hindrances to meeting as an Auxiliary, there is still the possibility of keeping in touch with the work as Scattered Helpers". From time to time it is reported that a band of Scattered Helpers has formed an Auxiliary—"the natural result of awakened interest". Repeatedly in her reports the Secretary urges members to use this method of gaining the sympathy of those women whose circumstances, whether of too great distances, home or business duties, or ill-health, prevent them from becoming more closely identified with the work, at the same time appealing for a Scattered Helpers Secretary in every Auxiliary. It was always difficult, perhaps naturally so, to obtain accurate reports of the numbers and contributions of these workers, but there was a steady advance, and for 1913, prior to the amalgamation, 2,895 Scattered Helpers are reported, with contributions amounting to $2,289.16.

In the meantime, the Women's Home Missionary Society in 1907, during the Presidency of Mrs. R. S. Smellie, seeking to extend the interest in its work and increase its membership, accepted the suggestion of Mrs. Logie that they have Home Mission Helpers, or, as they were called later, Home Helpers. That year the Secretary of the Board of Management reported: ''A step in advance has been made this year in securing the assistance of friends of the work, who cannot attend Auxiliary, Affiliated, or Young People's Society meetings. This band of workers will be known as the 'Home Mission Helpers', and an energetic committee has issued a card and leaflet explaining the duties and privileges of membership. We are looking forward to very substantial help from this source.'' In *Our Jubilee Story,* published in 1924, on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Women's Missionary Society, more is told of the purpose of this new department. ''In 1907 the formation of the Home Helpers' Branch provided an avenue of service for young mothers and 'shut-ins' who could by their gifts and prayers share in the great Home Mission cause without attendance at meetings.'' In 1911, Mrs. Logie was able to report that Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretaries had been appointed who would see that each Auxiliary had such a Secretary. The interest awakened was very encouraging, resulting in bringing the number of Home Helpers up to 1,174. The department continued to grow and fill an ever more important place in the Society until in 1913 there were 2,402 members, while many Home Helpers had become active members of Auxiliaries, deeply interested in the work.

When, then, in 1914, the Woman's Missionary Society of Montreal, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Women's Home Missionary Society united to form the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Home Helpers of the W.H.M.S. and the Scattered Helpers of the W.F.M.S. became the Home Helpers of the W.M.S. In the first annual report, following amalgamation, the Corresponding Secretary could say: ''Wherever the Home Helpers' membership has been developed, it has been a decided financial and spiritual strength to the Auxiliaries''. The next year, calling attention to the fact that membership and contributions had almost doubled in this department she added: ''The enlisting of membership in the Society, by means of this department of alert, talented business women and girls, as well as equally gifted women whose duties detain them from meetings, will undoubtedly gain much consecrated service and prayer on behalf of the Society's work''.

Year by year progress was made and more interest aroused until in 1924, 18,488 members were reported, with contributions amounting to $26,446.00. Although this department suffered severely in 1925, the work went on, with smaller numbers and, in many cases, new officers and workers, but, Mrs. Logie could report in 1934, ''thanks to the splendid co-operation of our workers in Provincials, Presbyterials and Auxiliaries, we rallied, and our later reports, notwithstanding the years of depression, speak well for the loyalty and faithfulness of our Home Helpers''. In the twenty years, 1914-1934, the Home Helpers had contributed $264,372.11 for the work of the Society; had given generous assistance to the Supply Department; and thousands of women had, through the Home Helpers Department, become active members of Auxiliaries. At the close of last year (1935) 7,776 Home Helpers were reported, with 1,589 subscribers to the *Glad Tidings,* 326 joining Auxiliaries as active members, and contributions amounting to $9,967.38.

Such briefly is the history of this department, but a sketch of this kind will have meaning only in so far as behind facts and figures readers can, in imagination, catch a glimpse of the thousands of women, who, *scattered* as they might be, debarred from active membership as they might be, serving by their interest, their gifts and their prayers at *home,* were still *helpers,* anxious to share with other women of the Church in the great work of missions,—or, in some cases, beginning with little or no interest, but gradually, as Home Helpers, coming to realize the value of the work with which they were associated. How much more limited would be the field served, how much weaker would be the Women's Missionary Society if there were no Home Helpers Department!

The Crusaders Club, Gonor, Man.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY Father, in whose hand lie the dominions of the earth and all people thereof, we approach Thee with praise and thanksgiving for Thy goodness to us, and for Thy tender kindness manifested in the hearts and lives of all who love and worship Thee. In the year that has passed Thou hast been our guide and protector, and though we have often failed Thee, yet hast Thou never failed us when we turned to Thee. We pray that we may be forgiven for that which we have done amiss. Grant that our hearts may be so full of Thy love that we will walk only in Thy way, and that we will gladly obey the commands with which Thou hast honoured us. We are banded together for the purpose of sending the precious Gospel message to all lands. May each branch and each member of our Society feel that to do our part in furnishing the substance is a sacred obligation to be fulfilled with joy that we may thus be Thy messengers. We would fill, pressed down and running over, the measure allotted to us, knowing that all we have is from Thee and we are but stewards. May we never fail the missionaries we have sent out, but may we ever be steadfast to this great trust. In their labours, their problems and perplexities, may they feel that we are upholding them in their loving service to Thee. Be with our Auxiliaries this coming year that their meetings may be a blessing to every member. We would ask Thy spirit of wisdom and understanding to be with those who prepare our programmes, with those whose message comes to us through our magazine, and with the officers of the Council and of the Provincial and Presbyterial Societies. Accept our devotion, dear Father, and help us to prove it in service pleasing to Thee. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who came not only for us, but to redeem all men. Amen.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—*Tennyson.*

A Veteran Missionary Honoured

ON the retirement of Rev. J. B. Cropper, D.D., from active service in British Guiana, the East Indians held a ''mela'' in his honour in Better Hope Church. We quote from an editorial tribute from the Georgetown *Daily Chronicle* which contained a report of this gathering.

''It would be an act of grossest ingratitude if any public organ of British Guiana permitted Dr. J. B. Cropper, of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in British Guiana, to leave this country without hearty recognition of his services to the Christian religion. In that faculty of identifying themselves with the interests of the people among whom their work lies, by which men of British descent have built the Empire, Dr. Cropper was perhaps unequalled in this country. East Indian Christians in particular owe him more than they can repay for the work he did among them and his championship of the cause of their race. For forty years Dr. Cropper went out from his church at Better Hope and did service for the Lord throughout this country among the indentured workers on the estates, and that his East Indian fellow-Christians are not unmindful of the work he has done for them the 'Mela' given in his honour a few days ago is ample testimony. As he spoke fluent Hindustani he was able to fathom the minds of our Eastern fellow-citizens with far greater ease than most Guianese of other descent, and the link which he represented between them and the other races of Guiana is one that will not easily be replaced.''

The Flowing Tide

''THE tide of the Scriptures is flowing more and more strongly''. This is the encouraging fact set forth in *The Flowing Tide,* the latest Popular Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society. This attractive book has a high literary quality not usually associated with reports, but it contains the essential information. After reviewing the tidal waves of spiritual life and power, Rev. J. A. Patten traces the story of the Scriptures,—the flowing tide of the Scriptures, the flowing tide of the translated Word, the flowing tide of distribution, the flowing tide of blessing, and the flowing tide of Christian giving. In the face of the anxiety with which the present religious situation is viewed comes the assurance that ''more people are hearing of Jesus Christ to-day than in any previous period in history''. Last year 11,686,131 volumes of Scripture were circulated, 715,522 more than the previous year, the increase registered in all parts of the world. The Bible is now translated into 700 languages. Largely because of the increased circulation, however, the year's income was £21,580 behind the expenditure, £372,418 against £393,998, an ebb tide to be turned into a flowing tide by gaining more supporters for the Bible Society.

What to Read

BY MARGARET NESS

GOD in the Slums has been translated into fifteen languages, Mr. Hugh Redwood told me. ''I wrote that book to pay off a two-fold debt—to present an act of personal witness and to show my appreciation for the lives of the Salvation Army.''

Early in December Mr. Redwood sailed for home on the *Queen Mary* from this, his first trip to America. Short and stout, he reminds one of a holidaying Bishop. In talking of his visit, he said, ''I was led to believe in England that, in Canada, I would find emphasis on the social side of religion rather than on the spiritual. Quite definitely I have not found it so.''

On November 18, he gave an address at the impressive Service of Witness, held in the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto. His thirty-third meeting in thirteen days!

Some of Mr. Redwood's books, carried in stock by us, are **God in The Slums, God in the Shadows, To-day's Parable,** and his new **God in the Everyday.** Price 35 cents each.

May we recommend our new biography to you—**Agnes Dickson,** Missionary to the Chinese in China and in Canada. Bound in leatherette, the book will make an excellent gift for any occasion, and presents a wide scope of material for meetings. The blend of humour, stories and missionary background will please every member of the family. Price 45 cents.

Here is a typical paragraph— ''Miss Dickson's first teacher in China was a young man, an excellent teacher, but one who never believed in praising anyone, or, as they say in Chinese, 'Giving one a tall hat to wear'. When, after months of weary struggling with the endless tones and phrase constructions . . . she went up to Canton for examination, and came back jubilant that she had actually taken 96 marks out of a possible 100 in Chinese conversation, she could not refrain from asking 'Didn't I do well?'

''Mr. Sz Tow regarded her seriously for a moment or two. 'How did you miss the other four?' he demanded.''

As 1937 is to feature Home Helpers, it might be well to mention the fact that a new leaflet on this work will be ready for distribution in January. Other free Home Helpers leaflets which will be mailed on request are ''Have you Locked the Door?'' and ''The Ideal Home Helpers Secretary''. Home Helper Membership cards are also available, free of charge. ''Shut In, But Not Shut Out'' (price 2 cents) is an excellent story of a Home Helper and her deep interest in missions.

World Day of Prayer programme and **Service for Youth.** One cent each.

OUR LETTER BOX

Regina, Saskatchewan.

OUR Eastview Women's Guild, when planning their programme for another year, decided to include a missionary paper in each evening's programme. For the first meeting we had Mrs. Jas. Sinclair give a survey of our W.M.S. work, and at the conclusion of her address several expressed the opinion that they should make a money contribution to the work of the Society. Also the women are conducting the devotional part of the programme themselves instead of depending on the Northside W.M.S. members to do this, as formerly.

—*Lily Macarthur.*

Brownvale, Alberta.

OUR field has grown during the past few months, Lac Cardinal and Peace Prairie having been added. The former is a very hopeful district, and we have services and Mission Band there. Miss Madill usually goes with Mr. Fraser for service every second Sunday, and is in charge of the Mission Band. I have Mission Band at Peace Prairie after school every second Monday, but so far we have not a service there. Seven preaching stations are about all we can manage, giving them a service every two weeks. When Miss Madill moves to the North part of the field I imagine we shall be able to cope with the work better than at present. Distances are so great between points that a lot of time is spent on the road.

The Mission Bands, Girls' and Ladies' groups are going ahead, with the exception of Blue Hawk Band which has been hindered, but next year we hope to get going again there. Miss Madill will be living near and that will be a great help. We had a splendid Mother and Daughter banquet at Blue Hawk in June, the first ever held in that district, and everyone enjoyed it very much. Here and there we manage to work in something of a special nature, but it is difficult to concentrate on one district when so many others are calling for attention.

The Girls' Camp was again very successful, and we made a new venture in having a Boys' Camp also. Fifty-one girls and twenty-three boys attended, which was a good representation of Dixonville and Brownvale fields.

—*Mary G. Todd.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

AS THE NEW YEAR BEGINS

THE closing days of the Old Year, with their echoes of peace and goodwill to men, have passed and that door is closed. Behold the open door of the New Year lies before us. What awaits us there?

As we cross the threshold of the new year, let us pray that zeal may be given us to enter the opening doors of opportunity as revealed to us in our new estimates which appear in this issue. We would ask the young women to read the Treasurer's article very carefully. Note the changes and the new adventures in our work.

New possessions demand new prayerfulness. New possessions demand new consecration. New possessions demand new sacrifices. Those who go forth to possess the land will have to bear many sacrifices. God's people at home must share these sacrifices faithfully, if the open doors are to be entered. There must be a working together, a consecration together, a giving together. While some give their lives, others must give their substance.

May we go forth into the New Year to meet these new opportunities, unafraid, because we are in the good and holy keeping of Him who said, ''Behold, I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it''.

Young Women's Studies

CANADA—STUDY ONE. Six meetings are outlined in this Chart based on booklets and leaflets explaining the history, organization and administration of our Society, telling where we work in Canada and how, and featuring our work among the Chinese in Canada and the Indians of Canada. Total cost, with map showing our Mission Fields—60 cents.

STUDY TWO. Five meetings are planned in this Chart based on the book, *The Central European Immigrant in Canada,* and featuring our work among the Ukrainians and Hungarians. Total cost, including map—95 cents.

SOUTH CHINA AND MANCHURIA.—This Chart provides for six meetings based on the books, *China Her Own Interpreter; As it Looks to Young China; The Chinese Church in Action; World Tides in the Far East.* Information on our own work is supplied by the biographies of Dr. Jessie MacBean, Miss Agnes Dickson and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, and a Statement on Manchuria, by Dr. Allan S. Reid. Total cost, including map—$2.60.

JAPAN AND OUR WORK AMONG THE KOREANS.—Six meetings are suggested in this Chart based on the books, *Shinto and its Modern Developments; Japan and Her Peoples; Christ and Japan; Korea the Old and the New.* Information on our own work is supplied by the booklet, *Exploring Japan;* Excerpts from Report of Missions to Koreans in Japan, and Statement of our work among Koreans in Japan by Dr. Allan S. Reid. Total cost, including map—$3.20.

INDIA—STUDY ONE. The chart outlines six meetings based on the books, *The Hindu; The Star of India; India on the March; Sister India.* Information on our own work is supplied by Excerpts from Reports and Articles; Stories; and Information for Individual Members. Total cost, including map—$1.60.

STUDY TWO. Six meetings are planned based on the books, *India Insistent; India in the Dark Wood; India Looks to her Future; An Indian Approach to India; Hinduism.* Information on our own work is given by Leaflets. Total cost, including map—$2.80.

NOTE.—These Study Charts to be ordered through Mrs. J. D. Holman, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto. Please make all money orders payable to ''Secretary of Publications''.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

TIME rolls on and again we have crossed the threshold of a New Year, a time when we stand looking back and looking forward—forward in hope and back in disappointment. This is the season when we take stock of ourselves and of our progress and too often our stocktaking is rather a sad, revealing process. We pass in review all the things we had planned to do, and the ghosts of things undone haunt us. We see, too, the successes we have had, those places where we met and conquered, but is it not true that our defeats outnumber our victories? Looking at the picture of the year, too many are tempted to accept defeat and say, ''Oh, what's the use of trying?''

The New Year is a time when we look forward as well as backward, and as we peer down the corridor of the year, each day a door through which we must pass to new experiences, we seem to see printed on each door ''Something better for you here'', and hope upspringing wipes away the memory of past defeats, as the coming days beckon to new duties, new aspirations and, above all, to new opportunities—opportunities for new work, for a new study of old ideals, to strive to build again where we have failed, for in all our failure there has been the glory of struggle and on the effort made we may try again to rebuild our broken dreams.

The New Year brings new vision. The future is hidden (how we would love to pull the curtain aside for just a peek into the unknown!)

and the forward look into 1937 brings to the most colourless life a sense of the spirit of adventure and we are explorers of the unknown.

There has been given to us as leaders and girls a new opportunity in the missionary work of our Church. We have asked if we may have a part in the extension of our work in Northern Ontario. In the development of any new territory the Church must play her part; she must bring to the people the glad news of One who cares for them; must let them know that even in the lonely places of our land they are not forgotten, and that we, who cannot go with them, are vitally interested in them and their work. This is a phase of our work which should appeal to the adventurous spirits of our members, to feel that we have a share in the pioneer work in our northland is not only a privilege, but also an honour.

I hope that every leader and girl will read the article by Mrs. Strachan in this issue of *Glad Tidings.* Here we have the romance of the tale of work done and the thrill of the forward look of our aims for 1937.

The Door of the New Year

We pause beside this door:
Thy year, O God, how shall we enter in?

. . . .

The footsteps of a Child
Sound close beside us. Listen, He will speak!
His birthday bells have hardly rung a week,
Yet has He trod the world's press undefiled.
"Enter through Me", He saith, "nor wander more;
For lo! I am the Door."

—*Lucy Larcom.*

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

A NEW YEAR'S STORY

WHEN you have read this story I am going to ask you whether or not you think it is a true story. The story comes from China, but I think that children all over the world can understand it.

It happened on the last day of the year. Two children were walking along a wide road. It was a very beautiful road with shady trees on either side, and flowers blooming by the roadside. Sometimes the road was hilly and difficult for walking, but after a while it became level again. It stretched on and on and on, and away in the distance could be seen a shining light which seemed to be the end of the road. There were many paths branching off from the main road. These paths did not look as peaceful as the wide road. No flowers were there, but many thorns and weeds. Strange to say, these paths were strewed with little rolls of paper too numberless to count. Clear Bell and Great Jewel stopped and looked at them, wondering much what they were. Suddenly they saw an old man sitting on a stone by the roadside. He was bent down with age, and seemed full of sorrow. Now Clear Bell and Great Jewel had been taught to be kind to old people, so they went over and, touching him on the shoulder, they said,

''Honourable old man, why are you weeping? Are you hungry or sick? Who are you? Where do you live? From whence did you come, and where are you going?''

The old man looked up and said, ''No, I am not hungry, I am dying, and oh, I am so sad.''

''Dying,'' said the children with pity and horror, ''will you let us call somebody? Our mother or our father will help you to go to a hospital. Please tell us your honourable name.''

''No,'' said the old man. ''I do not need to go to any hospital. My name is Time. Last year about this time I was just a little further down the road waiting to come to this stone. I was so happy and so gay, and I was young. I was the New Year. Boys and girls all over the world had made me such beautiful promises. Men and women, and even kings and rulers, made promises also. I thought they meant to keep them. I came straight from the Heavenly Father, a gift to the world. I only live a year. My time is nearly over. I am weak and tottering, with only a few more hours to live.''

''But why are you so sad?'' said the children. ''Every Old Year has to pass away. Every year in our home we have a New Year's feast. Our mother is busy now making New Year cakes and cooking good things to eat, and our father is busy putting up New Year mottoes. We are Christians, so we have no Kitchen God to take down, but some of our neighbours are already getting a new Kitchen God to put up to-night. Why weep, old man, every year must go? I wonder if we ran home if we could get you a New Year's cake so that you could taste our good things before you go?''

''No, no,'' said the old man. ''I have nothing to do with the New Year. My time is nearly over. You ask me why I am sad. I will tell you. Do you see those bypaths piled up with little rolls of paper?''

''Yes,'' said the children. ''What are they?''

''Ah, my children, they belong to people all over the world. Some belong to boys and girls, some to fathers and mothers, some to kings and rulers and generals of armies, some belong to rich people, others to poor people.''

''Yes,'' said the children. ''Why do they leave them there?''

''Ah! my children, they cannot help it now. They are the promises made to me when I was new, but the promises have not been kept. There they are on the wrong paths. Look at them, my children, weep with me. They are all broken promises and resolutions. Do you wonder I am weeping? I thought the boys and girls meant to keep their promises, and men and women also, but, alas! look at those paths full of broken resolves.''

The children said, ''Do not cry, Old Year. Tell us what is this beautiful road called, and what is that light ahead?''

The Old Man replied, ''This road is the 'Road of Life.' Our Heavenly Father gives it to everybody. The light is the end of the road. Some get there early, others get there after many years. Each year new people, many dear little babies start on this road, and each year some finish the journey. But my children, so many leave this road and go on those bypaths, and then they get into trouble. The Heavenly Father is always on this road, and wants to help everybody. Do you see that this road sometimes is hilly? The Heavenly Father is always ready to help people over the difficult places. During this year I have seen so many helped. But, oh, my heart is sad, so many have not sought His help. There have been famines and war and hatred, and I am dying. I can do no more.''

''Poor old man,'' said the children, ''but you have done some beautiful things in your year. Do not think only of the sad things. In our Sunday School we collected more money for the lepers than ever before. Many people love Jesus who did not know anything about Him at the beginning of the year. We boys and girls have learnt a lot in your year, Old Man. Do not weep. We will try to be better, we will not forget all we have learnt in your year.''

But the old man went on weeping. The children looked at him and felt sad. They walked over to one of the bypaths marked ''Youth''. There on the top were two rolls. What, oh, what did they see? Yes, it was ''Clear Bell'' on one of them and ''Great Jewel'' on the other.

The children looked at each other and said, ''These must belong to us. Let us open them.''

But just as they were going to do so the Old Man faded away, and descending to earth, the children saw a radiant and happy young figure smiling and joyful, and bringing the New Year to the earth. The children ran to him. Fire-crackers went off, gongs were sounded, bells were ringing. In Churches people were praying, in the heathen Temples the people were worshipping their idols. The children bowed and said, ''Gong shi, Gong shi'', (Greetings).

''Gong shi, Gong shi,'' said the New Year. ''I have come, a gift from the Heavenly Father to the whole world: Europe, Asia, Africa, America; all the world. I want everybody to be happy in the New Year. I hope there will be no more famines, or wars, or hatred. Boys and girls from all over the world, come and help walk this Road of Life aright. All the mistakes of the Old Year are gone, we cannot undo them, but we can begin again. Come, come, children of China, of Japan, of Britain, of America, of Canada, of Africa, brown and yellow, black and white, help me to make the New Year a happy year. Let us drive hate from our hearts.''

> ''Let all the children of the world
> Whate'er their colour or creed
> Be brave and true in word and deed,
> Hate wrong, help those in need.''

—From *The Magic Kite,* by kind permission of the author, Mrs. Donald MacGillivray.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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BELIEVING in the power of prayer, the Provincial Board has introduced a prayer circle, all members of Auxiliaries and groups throughout the province being asked to join in a short season of prayer each day, between the hour of 10 and 11 in the morning, for renewed interest in the W.M.S. work of Alberta.

Calgary P.S.—*Glad Tidings* Day was observed by Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary, in November. Mrs. Barroll, *Glad Tidings* Secretary, made an urgent appeal for more subscribers. Mrs. J. K. Paul gave a well prepared and instructive paper on the growth of our W.M.S. magazine and spoke of the many choice articles found in it. The poem by Margaret Paterson, of Edmonton, which appeared in the March issue, was read as one of the special articles.

Several members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Calgary, visited the Knox Church Auxiliary at its first fall meeting and heard the splendid report of the Council meeting in Toronto given by Mrs. T. A. Rodger. Mrs. G. Doull presided and extended a warm welcome to the visitors. The Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary was well attended and proved a decided success. The coloured lantern slides of the Peace River country were shown and Rev. T. A. Rodger gave an interesting and inspiring address on the country illustrated.

Edmonton P.S.—In the report of her work in the Peace River district Mrs. C. E. Fisher, of Grande Prairie, spoke of the keen interest being taken in the Associate Society recently organized at Flying Shot. In order to present our W.M.S. work more clearly to this group, the ladies of Grande Prairie Auxiliary had joined with the Flying Shot Society at its regular meeting and an instructive afternoon was spent. Mrs. Fisher also travelled to Riverside in the Pouce Coupe district, some 90 miles from

Grande Prairie, and presented the work of our Society there. They, too, are organizing an Associate Society. In this district Mrs. Fisher found a splendid group of faithful women, who love their Church and are so anxious to have a regular minister. During the winter the only service they get is a week-night service conducted by Rev. Mr. Fisher.

Strathcona Goforth Mission Band, Edmonton, took part in the W.M.S. Thank-offering programme, giving suitable recitations, songs and dialogues. This Band has 20 members, 11 of them boys. Mr. C. Oscroft gave an interesting talk on ''Stamp collecting and Missions'' in November.

Rupert St. Sunbeam Mission Band, Edmonton, presented an impressive programme consisting of a missionary play, welcome songs and recitations by the little tots. There was on display a splendid collection of Christmas gifts made by the members of the Band, including mitts, dressed dolls, scarfs, babies' nightgowns and other useful articles. A Junior Certificate was presented to Helen McNeill, Band Secretary.

In the absence of Mrs. Allott, Provincial President, Mrs. H. Sykes, Presbyterial President, gave a very comprehensive report of our missionary activities in the province at the annual meeting of the Synod.

First Church Auxiliary was fortunate in having Dr. Mary Atack of Honan, China, at one of their meetings. Dr. Atack gave many interesting glimpses into medical work of Honan and the village clinics. At this meeting Life Membership certificates were presented to Mrs. Drake and Mrs. C. W. S. Browning.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. J. Smith, Box 138, Armstrong, Press Secretary

THE Provincial Board at their October meeting had the honour of a visit from the Moderator, Right Reverend Malcolm A. Campbell, D.D. He brought greetings from the women's organizations of his own congregation and commended very highly the work done by the faithful women in the whole Church.

Kootenay P.S.—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Trail, were privileged to have a visit from Miss Ellen Douglas, one of our missionaries from the Bhil field in India. She gave a most interesting and impressive lantern lecture on her work. Members of the Auxiliary met Miss Douglas at the close and spent a social hour together. At their Thank-offering meeting this Auxiliary heard the sketch, written by Mrs. W. J. White, Ladner, tracing the history of the W.M.S. in Canada.

Westminster P.S.—From St. Aidan's, New Westminster, comes the report of a successful year's activity and an increase in givings. At a special meeting the Mission Band took part in the programme. The speakers were Mrs. Fowlie, Presbyterial President, Miss Ruth Yeandle, worker among the Chinese, Miss Scott, Deaconess, Miss Ellen Douglas, on furlough from India, and Rev. S. Hill, from South America. They all made their fields and labours very real to their listeners.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, has lost a loved and valued charter member in the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Jack, a member since the church was built thirty years ago in the midst of a dense forest.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver, Mrs. Wood, on furlough from India, was the charming guest speaker. Four Life memberships were presented.

Victoria P.S.—The Right Reverend Malcolm Campbell, D.D., was the speaker at the rally of Victoria Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church. He brought greetings from the General Assembly to the women of Victoria and congratulated them upon their achievements in the cause of missions. He encouraged the women to continue their good work, urging them not to be discouraged in the face of apparent set-backs, but to be definite in thought and aim, fired by the one great purpose of winning souls for Christ.

The Auxiliaries of Gorge and Erskine Churches, Victoria, met in Erskine Church. Thanksgiving was the central thought of the devotions. This was followed by a short sketch of the life of Mrs. Stamm, and a poem written by her shortly before her death in China in 1934 was read. A descriptive talk on Japan was given by Mrs. MacQueen, showing the superstition of the religions which the people embrace and the thralls in which they are held.

At the annual Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, the Treasurer presented an encouraging financial statement. The guest speaker was Mrs. A. G. MacDonald, who gave an illustrated talk on her trip to the Holy Land, and very graphically portrayed the various places visited. Three Life Memberships were presented.

At the Mission Band rally in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, on November 7th, six Bands were represented and answered the roll call with Bible verses. After a short programme by the children, Miss Ellen Douglas addressed them in her own delightful way. She presented her work among the Bhil children in a way that made a deep impression on their young hearts.

At the November meeting of St. Andrew's Young Women's Auxiliary, Victoria, Miss Douglas was again the speaker, giving a most interesting talk on her work among the Bhils. Mrs. MacKinnon, Presbyterial President, and the Junior W .A. of St. Andrew's were guests.

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MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

WINNIPEG P.S.—The annual Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church, Selkirk, was held on October 14th. Rev. E. L. Garvin conducted the devotional service. The address was given by Mrs.

Stanley Flook, Provincial President, ''Notes from the Council in Toronto''. Mrs. Anderson, of Norwood, brought greetings from the Presbyterial. The Mission Band contributed two choruses.

Norwood Auxiliary held its Thank-offering meeting on November 12th. The two speakers for the evening gave most interesting and inspiring addresses, Mrs. Flook's subject being the ''Presences of God'', and Mrs. Hutchison's ''Praise and Thanksgiving''.

To a meeting of Kildonan W.M.S. Auxiliary in Nesbit Hall the Stonewall Auxiliary were very cordially invited and came in goodly numbers. Mrs. Digby Wheeler brought the women ''Impressions of the Council''.

Old Kildonan Auxiliary held its Thank-offering meeting on October 29th. Greetings were brought from the United Church by Mrs. Seymour, from the Baptist by Mrs. A. Jordan, and from the Anglican by Mrs. Budgell, who also read the Scripture lesson. It was very inspiring to the Auxiliary to get a new view of the work from other Churches. Rev. P. F. McSween gave a very inspiring address on ''Faith and Thanksgiving''.

At the fall Thank-offering meeting of St. James' Presbyterian Church on November 17th, Mrs. F. A. Gemmell of First Church and Dr. Jessie MacBean were guests. Mrs. Gemmell gave a very interesting and instructive address on our work among the Koreans in Japan.

Calvin Church held its Thank-offering meeting on November 5th. Rev. David Johnstone occupied the chair. Mrs. Stanley Flook, Provincial President, spoke of the Council meeting in Toronto. Under the leadership of Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wardrope, choruses were given by the Mission Band and C.G.I.T. There was a splendid attendance.

The mothers' meeting of Elmwood Church, Winnipeg, was organized over three years ago, later affiliating with the W.M.S. as an Auxiliary. Officers elected were: Mrs. Robin, President; Mrs. A. Melville, Secretary; Mrs. W. Ruse, Treasurer, with Miss Todd, deaconess, in charge. Afterwards Miss Macdonald took Miss Todd's place. Meetings are held every second Thursday afternoon with an average attendance of twenty. Some one said, ''Since singing is so good a thing I wish that all might learn to sing. Yes, we sing and sing, then sing again, members choosing their own hymns.'' Devotions are taken voluntarily by some members. Roll call is responded to by a Scripture verse. At the last meeting Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, past Provincial President, called attention to many interesting happenings in our W.M.S. up to the present time.

The Golden Sheaf Mission Band of First Church, Winnipeg, held its fall Thank-offering meeting on November 21st. A programme of songs and readings by the children and a solo by Miss Gordona McLean were greatly enjoyed. Dr. Jessie MacBean gave a delightful talk on China, with interesting comments on Chinese customs.

ONTARIO

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IN the beginning God. May we take these first four words in the Bible as our motto for 1937. The New Year is a chance to try again with the hope of doing better.

Begin the year with God, asking what service He would have us render. How can we do better this year? Phil. 3: 13-15.

Begin the day with God. Ontario Provincial trysting hour is nine o'clock. We ask every member to pray ''that we may be faithful stewards, aroused to a greater sense of responsibility for our God-given tasks''.

Begin our Auxiliary meetings with God. May we suggest a praying group, meeting a few minutes before your regular monthly meeting, with special, definite prayers for a more consecrated membership? ''Who is sufficient for these things?''

Is it not plain that we are reaching the end of our merely human resources? And is not the revelation of our comparative impotence, in spite of our utmost endeavour, just God's way of constraining us to seek His aid and put our trust in Him? Once more His word of old has become the rebuke, as it is ever the hope and confidence, of His people: ''Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts''.

—*M. C. Hilts.*

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A most enthusiastic Presbyterial Mission Band rally, with about 200 children present, was held in Erskine Church, Ottawa. Addresses were given by Rev. Robert Good, Mrs. J. R. Hill and Mrs. Wm. Eadie. Mrs. C. H. Thorburn presented 19 certificates, 5 silver seals, 5 blue seals, 2 gold seals and 5 red seals. On behalf of the Presbyterial she also presented a gold seal to Wilhelmina Douler, aged 7, of St. Giles Band, for reciting the Shorter Catechism, and a certificate to Viola Sim, a little Chinese member of the Hull Band. The children were guests of the ladies of Erskine Church at supper.

One hundred attended a tea held by the McKillop Branch of the W.M.S., Huron P.S., with friends from several denominations, including the Roman Catholic, as guests. Mrs. D. J. Lane, Goderich, gave a thoughtful address ''Our Utmost for His Highest'', referring to the devoted work of many of our missionaries. This Branch is composed of W.M.S. members of McKillop township, all busy women on farms and so capable, bringing such a happy spirit into their Church work. The meeting was a marvellous success.

Miss M. E. Anderson addressed the Seaforth Auxiliary at their Thank-offering meeting on her work with the Koreans, telling of the different ways in which the missionaries appeal to the people. In nine years seventy-two church groups have been established, ranging in members from twenty-five to three hundred. Classes go on from early morning till afternoon. Homes are visited and all invited to evangelistic meetings in the evening. The Mission Band children listened attentively while Miss Andersen told of children in Japan and showed pictures of the different peoples there.

A sectional meeting at Esson Church, Oro, Barrie P.S., was also addressed by Miss Anderson. Mrs. J. H. Eaton, of the Provincial Board, and Mrs. K. N. Cooper, Presbyterial President, spoke briefly. Mrs. B. D. Armstrong, of Uptergrove, was in the chair. Orillia Thank-offering meeting was conducted by their Life Members, twenty-seven taking part in the programme. Mrs. V. A. Smith, Toronto, spoke on ''What Life Membership means to us, and to the Society to which we belong''. ''A Life Member should'', she said, ''mean a live member''. Collingwood Auxiliary held its Thank-offering meeting jointly with the Church Thanksgiving service, Rev. Wm. MacMillan giving an address on ''Thanksgiving''.

Officers of Stratford P.S. visiting Auxiliaries are delighted with the enthusiasm shown and the splendid efforts being put forth in the closing months of the year. Three new Mission Bands have been organized.

In celebrating its Golden Jubilee the ''Inasmuch'' Auxiliary, Dunbar, Brockville P.S., entertained the seven Auxiliaries in that section of the Presbyterial, the visitors taking part in the programme. Mrs. W. D. Turner, Winchester, spoke on Presbyterian Missions, especially the part taken by the Auxiliary during the past fifty years. Greetings and contributions were received from former ministers and friends. Lunch was served by the Mission Band. The birthday cake with its five golden candles was cut by Mrs. Allan Durant, charter member.

Sectional meetings in Maitland P.S. were held at Ethel, Lorne, and Dungannon. Special prayers were offered for our missionaries and missionary activities, for peace, and for the various organizations of the W.M.S. At all three meetings Mrs. K. McLean presented the grave need for money that the work might not suffer, the need for increased membership, speaking also of the retiring fund for missionaries and the life and work of Dr. Jessie MacBean. Rev. G. Taylor, Kincardine, spoke on ''Work among the Chinese in Canada''. At Lorne, Ripley Mission Band reported a novel way of raising funds—passing an apron around to the members' parents who in turn sewed on a patch, under it putting a coin and the donor's name. It was an exciting day when the patches were removed, and then each contributor was invited to meet with the Band at a tea party. This had a stimulating effect on Mission Band activities. Mrs. Eugene Martin is the capable leader. Miss Laura Granger, of Cranbrook, the guest of the Presbyterial at Kintail Camp this summer, related her impressions of camp life. Mrs. McWhinney welcomed the guests and spoke briefly at Dungannon.

Celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in November, St. Peter's Auxiliary, Madoc, Kingston P.S., Mrs. McCaffrey presiding, received greetings from Presbytery, Provincial, Presbyterial and other Auxiliaries, former ministers and their wives or families, from Mrs. J. S. Mackay, Vancouver, their own beloved missionary, and from the families of the earliest members. Mrs. Moore, of Belleville, reviewed the Auxiliary's fifty years, and Mrs. Jenkins told the story of the Mission Band. A memorial service, prepared by Mrs. A. Morrice, Belleville, was led by Mrs. Koffend, Stirling. In the candle service, conducted by Mrs. Rupert, special candles were lighted for Auxiliaries formed from the Madoc one—St. Paul's, Eldorado, St. Columba, Cooper, and Queensboro, also the Mission Band and Y.W.A. Mrs. Koffend spoke briefly on Manchuria, and Mrs. B. D. Armstrong, Uptergrove, gave an address on ''Our Mission Fields''. Mrs. W. A. Hunter, Presbyterial President, presented In Memoriam certificates, for Mrs. Duncan MacBeath, given by her daughter, Mrs. B. D. Armstrong, and for Mrs. Thomas Cross, from her sister, Miss Mouncey, also a Life Membership to Miss Mary Mackintosh, the gift of her mother. At tea the birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Mackintosh, the first President and only charter member present. The offering amounted to over $200. In October Mrs. Jean Sinclair Mackay gave an address at a Sunday evening service as a preliminary to the Jubilee celebration.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Dalhousie Station, Glengarry P.S., a special gift of $10.00 was received from Mrs. D. Macnaughton in memory of her sister, Miss Helen McCuaig.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, 128 Ellice St., Beauharnois, Press Secretary

MONTREAL P.S.—The Rev. C. Ritchie Bell, B.D., of MacVicar Memorial Church, Montreal, was the speaker at the meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial in Knox Crescent Church on November 21st. His address summarized the work of Christian missions in such areas as Zanzibar, Manchuria and parts of India, where in each case the standard of living had been raised and an incentive to industry and thrift provided, to say nothing of the gain in hearing the precious message of the life and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. ''The Christian Mission develops the spirit of brotherhood among men of goodwill. It embodies elements of high courage and heroic adventure, combined with the call to sacrificial service,'' said Mr. Bell. ''It exists to bring the Kingdom of God here upon the earth. Through the Christian Church the invincible Christ is winning the victory for righteousness and for God.'' Mrs. W. E. Baker presided. The Treasurer reported receipts to date of $8,863.20. Six Honorary, one In Memoriam, fourteen Life Membership certificates and one Junior were reported. Supply and Home Helpers Secretaries told of continued activities, giving very encouraging details as to meetings and collections. The hospital visitor and the Welcome and Welfare Secretary had paid many visits during the past summer. The Exchange Secretary told of six new papers available for distribution, urged Auxiliaries to make use of them, and asked for greater co-operation from Presidents of Auxiliaries. The Young Women's Secretary gave an interesting summary of the activities of her groups.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW P.S.—Mrs. H. A. Langille, Presbyterial President, who attended the Council meeting in May, gave a very interesting report of it at the September meeting of Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary, Moose Jaw. Miss P. B. Lamont was the speaker at the Thank-offering service.

Dunkeld Auxiliary presented Miss Effie Parkhill, one of its members, with a gift before she left for Three Hills Bible School.

On October 15th Miss Lamont addressed Dunkeld, Nokomis and Arlington Beach Auxiliaries. This meeting was well attended, and much appreciation was expressed to Miss Lamont for her very helpful talk.

At the meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Regina, on November 25th, there was a good attendance to hear very interesting papers, ''Our Motives for Missions'', by Mrs. Jos. Tanner, President, and ''Lessons for To-day from the Experiences of Paul'', by Miss L. Macarthur.

At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, North Battleford, Mrs. Ballentyne of First Baptist Church was the guest speaker, her subject ''Thankfulness for the Holy Bible''. Mrs. Simpson spoke on ''Thanking God for the Small Things in Life''.

The Dr. James Robertson Auxiliary, Saskatoon, held its Thank-offering meeting in the Presbyterian Residence with Rev. Ronald Rowat, Parkview, as special speaker. His subject was ''Women of the Old and the New Testaments''.

At the Parkview Auxiliary meeting two short papers were given on ''Thanksgiving''. The Mission Band gave a little play on the theme ''Giving and Working for Missions''. The Girl Guides provided special music.

St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Saskatoon, under the leadership of Mrs. W. G. Brown, are making a study of the work in Formosa. A large map of Formosa and pictures of Dr. Mackay and the schools and hospitals are posted at each meeting. Pictures and clippings on the missionaries studied are also presented.

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TO our new King, George VI, whose accession followed the abdication of his brother, King Edward VIII, and to Queen Elizabeth, the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with all other members of the Empire, would pledge allegiance. Their Majesties have succeeded to the throne under difficult and unprecedented circumstances. May they be greatly blessed in their high office.

Editorial

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis and the International Missionary Council

IT was fortunate that Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, a Secretary of the International Missionary Council, should be in Toronto on December 8th and able to come to the meeting of the Council Executive. Referring to the fact that our Women's Missionary Society is a part of the International Missionary Council, Dr. Warnshuis said that it was significant that in missionary work the Protestant Churches of the world have so related themselves and organized on a world-wide scale into something that corresponds to the League of Nations. It is a great achievement to have such an organization that can act quickly. Through it the various Boards can co-operate, and, pooling their experience and wisdom, make it available to all. The serious situation with which the Church as a whole is confronted, especially because of the rise of a narrow nationalism throughout the world, has made it necessary to prepare for another meeting of the

International Missionary Council, to be held at Hangchow, China, in October, 1938. The theme is ''The Church''—the Church that is the hope of the world, for only through it can Christianity be an effective force, the Church as the means of winning the whole world to allegiance to Jesus Christ. The delegates, more than half of whom are to be from the younger Churches, should represent all groups, including women and young people.

In this same connection we would quote from the announcement of the *International Review of Missions* for 1937.

''Never since 1918 has there been a time when those who love peace and desire the brotherhood of man have been so much cast down as to-day. New hopes and plans may yet be born in the minds of statesmen, matching the deep longing in the hearts of the people of all nations. For the moment there is mainly bewilderment and fear.

''But such a time calls to the Christian Church, whose hopes for humanity are not based on the shifting sands of human compact and planning, but on the power and grace of GOD. There are signs that the Church is awaking to the call. In the year 1937 there will be held two great world gatherings of Christian people from all over the world. One, to be held at Oxford, will face the challenge that the new religions of racial and national authority present to the Christian conscience, and try to discern the true way for the Church in the presence of these characteristic modern dangers. The other, to be held at Edinburgh, will wrestle with the question of the unity of the Church. In the following year, 1938, the International Missionary Council will hold at Hangchow, in China, a great meeting in which an actual majority of the members will come from the younger Churches that have arisen in the lands of the East and of Africa, and where the great issues that confront the universal Church will be handled in the common consultation of West and East together.

''These gatherings will merely be the focusing points of a great mass of thought and prayer. These coming years will see a greater drawing together of Christian minds, the world over, than perhaps Christendom has ever known.''

Grateful for Interest and Grants

MISS K. N. BROCKWAY, Principal of Saint Christopher's Training College, Madras, has written to express gratitude for the continued interest of our Society in that institution to which a grant of $100 is made. ''I am very much interested,'' she adds, ''to know that our little college appears in your Young Women's Auxiliaries' special course for this year.''

Dr. Edith Brown, Principal of the Women's Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, India, also wishes to convey to our Women's Missionary Society their hearty thanks for the $50 grant and for the sympathy and encouragement received. A gift from the Central Silver Jubilee Fund last year enabled them to build an Assembly Hall and a Library, and to purchase some radium. Her Excellency the Countess of Linlithgow had kindly consented to open the Hall on December 11th.

The Young People's Societies' Special Effort

THE Young People's Societies of our Church have undertaken to raise $5,000 for work in the Peace River district. In order to avoid any misapprehension in the minds of our people, the Women's Missionary Society wishes to make it clear that none of the money thus raised is coming to our Board for work in that part of Canada, and that the Women's Missionary Society is entirely responsible for the support of Miss Grigor, Miss Todd and Miss Madill—their salaries and their work. It is thought best to say this lest any think that some of the $5,000 being raised is going towards the support of these workers. The Young People are to be commended for undertaking to thus assist the Church in that newer part of our country. In the work of Dr. Savage, in the extension of the work of the Church, and in the building of new churches, there is great scope for their best efforts.

Coming on Furlough

WORD has come that Rev. Allan and Mrs. Reoch were to leave Manchuria in January to spend their furlough in Canada. Would any friends who were considering sending packages note that they will not be there to receive them?

AS we go to press, word comes of the death in Toronto, on January 8th, after a short illness, of Mrs. Sarah McDonald, mother of Rev. D. E. McDonald, Jobat, India. The sincere sympathy of the members of the Women's Missionary Society is extended to Mr. McDonald in his loss.

The sympathy of all our women goes out, too, to Miss Hazel Macdonald, deaconess in the Red Deer district of Alberta, in the death of her sister early in January.

Prayer

''Prayer is so wonderful, I love to think
That I, so feeble in myself, can bless
By prayer unnumbered souls, and be a link
Between All Power and needy nothingness.
No spot too distant, and no depth too deep
To feel the touch of that Almighty Hand
Pledged to supply all need, to guide, to keep
And strengthen with a might none can withstand.''

—*Santer.*

The Preachers' Wives' Conference in Tamsui

By Mrs. James Dickson

IT wasn't easy to launch the Preachers' Wives' Conference. We had to steer our craft carefully and stubbornly, past the scorn of those who did not believe in it, past the indifference of those who did not care. But we were urged on by the desperate need of the moment. The preachers' wives were discouraged; rice was high, as also was clothing and all the things they need; their salaries, inadequate at best, were not even being paid by the Christian people they ministered to, because of their poverty, also. The earthquake the year before and the drought the year following had sapped every one's morale almost to the vanishing point. Some were even urging their husbands to leave the ministry, and go into business of buying and selling, anything that would bring in more money and provide food and clothing for the children of the home. We have seventy-five preaching stations in North Formosa, about seventy of which have homes in which a mother tries to care for her own family, and oversee the Christian life of all the womenfolk of the congregation. The preachers have had a Conference almost every year for sixty-odd years, the wives had never even met one another. So we decided to gather them together so that they could share their worries, their troubles, their inspirations and aspirations with one another, and so that we would have a chance to hearten and encourage them over this difficult time, if possible.

Preachers' Wives' Conference. Front row—second from right, Mrs. Dickson; fourth, Mrs. MacMillan. First row standing—second from left, Mrs. Mackay.

We decided to have it in Tamsui as this is the most beautiful time of the year here, and also so that we could give our full time to it without dropping the reins of the household work and oversight of our children. I had long tables and benches put in my living-room and dining-room for their eating facilities, and the bed-room was strewn with cots. My neighbour, Mrs. MacMillan, who helped to originate and work out this enterprise, threw open her whole house to them; the downstairs rooms opened wide into one another and this made an excellent lecture-room supplied with long seats from one of the schools. Another room was the baby room, for, of course, the nursing mothers had to bring their babies. Two vacant houses were put into shape for dormitories. We had met many of the mothers, but not all, and so we looked forward eagerly to this opportunity of meeting so many. (We had 43 preachers' wives, and guests and Biblewomen brought the number up to 60).

I was in the kitchen when the first guest arrived, and I hurried in quickly to greet her, but when I saw her, I stopped, shocked and startled, while my heart seemed to be crying out, ''Oh, my sister, what have they done to you? Has life been so hard?'' She was a weary little wisp of a woman, worn with years of mothering too many children, with struggling with too much work, shy, diffident, and so very, very tired. It was I who felt humbled and appalled, as if I had had too much ease in my life and should have managed somehow to share some of it with her. But when the others arrived, I found that we had all kinds and that they came from all kinds of places; some were young, bright and strong, just beginning their life's work; some had been stationed in lonely places for many years, in little mountain towns, on the faraway East Coast near the savage country; a few had that look I do dread to see, a settled look of despair.

The three days of meetings and discussion were full of intense interest for all of us, for these are people who do not deal in pretence or in frothy, useless discussions; they spoke to impress no audience, but to one another, simple, straight-forward statements from their own hearts. I remember particularly their discussion on ''How to get along with your non-Christian neighbours and to win them to Christ!'' If you remember that we Christians are less than one in a hundred out here, and that we are at the present time in the throes of an especially anti-Christian feeling, you will realize the poignancy of what they said. ''Love is the most important,'' said a drab little woman who looked as if life had never been kind to her, but as she spoke a smile lit up her face that made you realize that she had used that method through the years. ''Faith is the most important,'' remarked another earnestly; ''I have had 31 years' experience, and I think it is faith that brings one through.'' ''Read your Bible regularly and have prayer,'' said another. ''Don't let the cares of the day crowd out that, and it will keep your temper sweet and help you to win your neighbours to Christ.'' ''Have patience,'' counselled another. ''They will not be won over-night. You may have to work for years in unfailing kindness before they really believe in your sincerity and in the Christ you preach.'' ''Take care of your family life,'' said a middle-aged woman seriously. ''The example of a Christian home is more than all the words you can say, and whatever you say is useless if you do not have that.''

One day we took them to the seashore for lunch. Often the opportunity of looking far off to a wide horizon makes one forget the little worries of the mind. But while they were there, they fell into a discussion of the custom still prevalent here of selling their daughters in marriage, often to the highest bidder, regardless of the man's character. I shall never forget the impassioned appeal of one mother. ''My child has a soul! She is not a pig, a sheep, a cow. There is a difference. Shall I then sell her away, bargain with those who wish to buy her body and soul? Is she meat to be weighed and bought? Is she cloth to be measured and sold?'' This crying out against cruel customs that have prevailed for ages is like beating helplessly against a huge stone wall that seemingly can never be broken down.

One worn little woman stopped me one evening in the hall as I was hastening about trying to do the hundred and one things that have to be done before you settle sixty people down to their evening meal. My mind was on the kitchen and rice and bowls and tables and people, but there was no way to escape her so I listened.

''I want to tell you,'' she said, ''that I cannot speak out eloquently, but I do just want to tell you that God has been so good to me. You know once I had a non-Christian neighbour that I had been trying to win to Christ for a long time. Her daughter became ill, very ill, and they thought she was going to die. My husband was there, too, and we knelt together at the sick girl's bed and prayed, and as we prayed the colour came back into her face and she began to get better. Now she is well again. And once one of my babies became suddenly sick, her face became black, and those in the house said, 'Why do you carry the child about? Can you not see it is already dead?' But my husband and I prayed, and then he suddenly said, 'Reach into the child's throat, and see if there is anything there.' And I did, and found it had choked on something, but when I removed it, the child breathed again, and lived. God has always been good to me.''

Among our preachers' wives are several beautiful young girls with fine education, who have chosen to marry preachers instead of rich men, and have voluntarily stepped into the way that even they know will be hard and long, living among non-Christians and enduring their scorn, meeting the criticism of their own congregations—when one is a preacher's wife, there are so many people to please. They know what lies before them and yet face the future so bravely, so gallantly,—it reminds me of the verse;

> ''God knew her way would be hard and long,
> And filled with things she could not understand,
> And so He put a song upon her lips,
> And placed a lantern in her hand.''

I remember especially one evening when a preacher's wife, perhaps the prettiest of them all, sang earnestly, the tears trembling in her voice, ''I would follow Thee'', and we, who knew what it will cost her to do that, felt the tears near, too. And another young well-educated woman who lives far away on the East Coast, when it came her time to speak, drew a diagram to illustrate her point, ''The road gets narrower, the Cross gets heavier, and the road is uphill all the way,'' for one who would lead a true Christian life. And the one whom they chose to be their president, and who has been educated in Japan, a leader already in Young People's work, told them seriously: ''We do not belong to this world; we have overcome the world. Do not worry then about your clothes and food. Let us carry our Cross and follow Christ.''

While they were still here, I stood one evening at sunset just for a few moments to watch the glow fade in the sky. The weather had been perfect, beautiful, clear, the warmth of the sun on mountain, river and sea by day, the splendour of moonlight at night. The beauty of it all beguiled my thoughts for a moment, then there came the soft crying of a baby in the distance, a mother hushing it to rest, and my mind came back to these who were our sisters in Christ, and the hard straitened lot they would all have to go back to. Could they carry with them the shining courage they had evidenced, the spiritual strength they said they had gained in this meeting, I wondered. And as I doubted, warm in my memory came the echo of the last words of one of the hours of evening worship, ''And lo, I am with you *always.*'' My heart was satisfied.

Delegates

PRESBYTERIALS are meeting, Provincial Societies will soon be meeting, and later the Enlarged Council Executive. Auxiliaries, Presbyterials and Provincials, therefore, have to appoint members to go as their delegates to these meetings; all cannot, of course, attend them.

A delegate! Deputed to represent one's fellow-members, to vote for them, and to bring back to them the information and inspiration that will best help them to do their share of the work! It is an honour thus to be chosen, a privilege to go to the larger meeting, but there is also a responsibility—and some of the responsibility, by the way, belongs to those appointing the delegate! We have known delegates who have taken their responsibility almost too seriously, fearful of missing anything, but have we not also known delegates who seemed to have no sense of responsibility, who apparently forgot that they were sent to represent their branches, forgot even that they themselves had any real interest in the meeting? Going to another town may seem too good an opportunity to miss to visit friends, to do some shopping, or to see something of special interest. But would it not be possible to plan to go earlier, or to stay longer, so that there might be time for these things, too? Is it quite fair, when sent to represent others at a meeting, to take time from it to do other things? Then, too, we have known the delegate who feels she cannot remain for all sessions; she arrives too late for the first one and leaves before the end; or, if the meeting lasts two or more days, she cannot stay for all. One wonders why she has consented to act as delegate, instead of someone who could give the full time? How can meetings be arranged satisfactorily if delegates take their responsibilities so lightly? Sometimes important business has to be discussed and vital matters decided at the last session—and many delegates are absent! And how can a complete report be taken back to the branch if the delegate misses some sessions, comes too late, or leaves too early?

Is it not true, too, that one may lose some of the value of the proceedings because of insufficient knowledge of the work discussed? The more thoroughly one understands the matters under discussion the more one gets out of that discussion, and the more intelligently one can contribute to it and vote on questions to be decided. A delegate must, of course, be familiar with each phase of her own branch's work, know its successes and its failures, and so be able to give help to others with similar difficulties and get help for the problems of her group.

Then how best to take back to her branch the information, encouragement, and inspiration it needs? The greatest benefit may come through the new interest and enthusiasm of the delegate, an enthusiasm that will infect others. But a report has to be given, and it cannot be a mere outline of the programme, even to the numbers of the hymns and the names of those taking part—a mere list of names means little or nothing. Nor is it much more helpful to say that ''inspiring addresses'' were given on such and such subjects. What is needed is the *substance,* the gist of reports of the various departments, decisions on matters of policy, outstanding points in addresses,—a real attempt to convey something of the *spirit* of the meeting.

With programmes carefully planned and delegates loyally co-operating, by punctuality and interest, with the officers in charge, might not this year's meetings result in greater good—to the groups represented and to the whole work of missions?

World Day of Prayer Programme

February 12th, 1937

By Mabel Shaw, of Livingstone Memorial School,
Mbereshi, P.O. Kawambwa, N. Rhodesia

Theme: *The Son of the Living God.*
"He is the Head of the Body, the Church."—Col. 1: 18.

Quiet Music

Hymn 60: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed." (Tune: *Aurelia*)

Call to Worship

Leader: When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

And they said, Some say that Thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

He saith unto them, Whom say ye that I am?

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven.

And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Peter was the first in history to make that great confession. There is in the life of every one of us who sojourns with our Lord the high moment when in humble adoration we see Him with eyes that are opened and the same great confession is forced from our worshipping and wondering hearts.

Let this Day of Prayer be for us a festival of Him who is "Very God of Very God and Son and Brother of man," thinking of His body on earth, the Christian Church.

Let us pray (in unison), with heads bowed, or kneeling.

O Christ, the Lord of all good life who hast called us to build Thy Church in the world, do Thou enrich and purify our lives and deepen in us our discipleship. Help us daily to know more of Thee, and through us, by the power of Thy Spirit, show forth Thyself to other men. Make us humble, brave, tender, and loving. Make us ready for adventure. We do not ask Thee that Thou wilt keep us safe, but that Thou wilt keep us loyal; who didst for us face death unafraid, and dost live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Reading (Responsive Scripture lesson)

Leader: And it shall come to pass afterwards that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

RESPONSE: And it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

LEADER: And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go to the mountain of the Lord, for He will teach us His ways and we will walk in His paths.

RESPONSE: And He shall judge between the nations and shall reprove many peoples, and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

LEADER: There shall be the seed of peace, the vine shall give her fruit; and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew, I will cause My people to inherit all these things.

Let us pray and give thanks, in silence, for the glorious hope of the future, remembering the great heritage of our Christian faith.

Silence for one minute.

Prayer (in unison) with heads bowed, or kneeling.

O Christ, who in the days of Thy flesh didst gather unto Thyself holy and humble men of heart and who dost now gather them out of every race and nation to be a holy people unto Thee, hear our prayer that it may please Thee to strengthen and enlarge Thy Church in every land, and to unite all those who profess and call themselves Christian in faith and hope and love. We beseech Thee that Thy Church may proclaim the gospel throughout the whole earth and make disciples of all nations; that Thou wilt give to all Thy people grace to understand and to believe Thy word and to show forth their faith in their lives.

We beseech Thee that Thou wilt remove from us all hatred, prejudice and narrowness of thought, that we may receive and rejoice in all that Thou revealest. We beseech Thee that Thou wilt guide us in all perplexities of belief and conduct, that we may hold fast that which is true, and faithfully confess Thee before men. Amen.

Hymn (standing) (Tune: *Richmond*)

City of God, how broad and far
Outspread thy walls sublime!
The true thy chartered freemen are
Of every age and clime.

One holy Church, one army strong,
One steadfast high intent,
One working hand, one harvest song,
One King omnipotent!

How purely hath thy speech come down
From man's primeval youth;
How grandly hath thine empire grown
Of freedom, love, and truth!

—*Samuel Johnson.*

LEADER: Let us pray for the Christian Church, that it may be strong, uncompromising and courageous, and guided in its leadership to meet changing conditions.

Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for the missionary programme of our churches, at home and abroad; for each individual missionary, and remembering those who are planning the programme for the International Missionary Council which will meet in the Far East in 1938.

Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for our own community, that it may be cleansed and recreated by dynamic Christian leadership, and for a more widespread and active interest in the cause of Temperance.

Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for youth everywhere, that their vision of God may be clear and unobstructed and their enthusiasms and energies directed into channels of usefulness and service.

Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for His Majesty the King, Edward VIII,* his counsellors and advisers, for all parts of the British Empire, that they may set an example of godliness and justice; for our own nation, that it may face its inconsistencies and measure its operations by Christ's law of love and brotherhood, and for the world family of nations, that they may find ways of peace and cooperation.

Silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

Hymn 270: ''Breathe on Me, Breath of God.'' (Tune: *Trentham*)

(To be sung in a devotional attitude as a prayer—devotional attitude continued until the Amen of the following prayer.)

LEADER: Jesus said, I am the Bread of Life. He that cometh to Me shall never hunger, he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. I am the Light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life.

Prayer (in unison)

Most blessed Lord, who dost stir our hearts to see visions and dream dreams, and who dost give to our sight the rapture of the forward look, we give Thee thanks for Thy servants who stand on the hills of dawn and speak to us of the glory that is to be. Eternal Lord, in whose perfect Kingdom no strength is known but the strength of love, we pray Thee so mightily to spread abroad Thy Spirit that all peoples and ranks may be gathered under one banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Fatherhood of Love, to whom alone be dominion, glory now and forever. Almighty Lord, give to every state a dawning spirit of human brotherhood, a new respect for man and woman, new loyalty in service and charity, new happiness in work and justice in reward, that our homes may be restored in Thee and in Thee our cities rebuilt, and all the world reflect Thy light and Thy love. Amen.

Hymn 582 (standing): ''O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee.'' (Tune: *Maryton*)

Short Address on the purpose of the World Day of Prayer, based on information on page 8 of the programme.

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* This programme was prepared before King Edward's abdication and the accession of George VI to the throne.

Solo (if desired)

Offering

Dedicatory Prayer (in unison); remain seated with bowed heads.

Our Father, for Thy loving care and bounty we give Thee thanks. Accept the offering which we bring this day. Bless the gifts of the thousands who join in this act of worship around the world, that they may aid in fulfilling the prayer which our Lord taught His disciples, saying: ''Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, forever.'' Amen.

Hymn 671 (standing): ''The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is ended.''
(stanzas 2, 3, 4, 5) (Tune: *St. Clement*)
Congregation will remain standing and join in dismissal.

Prayer

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the throne of His glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Again, around the world will go, like a golden chain welded in every link, the voice of praying women making a joyful noise unto the Lord in supplication, thanksgiving and praise. How appropriate that this Day of Prayer should always be the first Friday of Lent!

Information

In Canada $5,075.00 was received in 1936 and was applied to the following: Chinese Christian Literature, Shanghai; Chinese Christian Literature for Children; West China Press, Chengtu; Kagawa Fellowship for Christian Literature; Japanese Christian Literature; Korean Christian Literature; Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children; Moslem Christian Literature; African Christian Literature; Indian Christian Literature; Ludhiana College Christian Literature; Vellore College, India, for Christian Literature; Jewish Christian Literature; Canadian School of Missions; Interdenominational Leper Mission for Christian Literature; Upper Canada Tract Society; British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada.

The Programme as printed may be adapted to meet the need of the places where the meetings are held.

The programme called **Service of Worship for Youth** is prepared this year by Miss F. Mary Watts, Deaconess, on furlough, of the Canadian Church Mission Diocese of Honan, China.

Both Day of Prayer Programmes may be ordered from the denominational Literature depots of The Women's Missionary Societies. Price, one cent each.

Please send offerings to the Treasurer, Inter-Board Committee: Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

Prayer

O God our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for life, for health and strength, and for all Thy loving-kindness and tender mercies toward us. We pray that our lives may be lived in accordance with Thy Holy Will. We thank Thee that Jesus Christ revealed Thy love unto all mankind. We would pray that His Spirit may abide in us, that our lives may bring forth fruit unto His honour and glory.

Bless all the missionaries of the Cross, wheresoever they may labour. Give to them strength and courage in time of need and bless also those who shall believe on Jesus Christ through their word. May they grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

We thank Thee for the privilege of being put ''in trust with the Gospel''. May we fulfil our responsibility. Fill each heart with courage and faith, and give wisdom and understanding to all those in positions of trust and leadership, that Thy name may be magnified.

We pray for a blessing upon our young people, that their hearts may be early turned to Thee and their lives consecrated to Thy service. At this time of the World Day of Prayer, we would pray that every woman of every land and clime may be closer drawn to Thee, and to all that it means to be Thy disciple.

Keep Thou our feet to-day that they may go only on errands for Thee; keep Thou also the door of our lips, that no unkind word may pass them. Create in us clean hearts, O Lord, for ''out of them are the issues of life'', and whatsoever our hands find to do may we do it ''heartily, as unto the Lord''. Grant us Thy peace and keep us pure and true amidst the evils of the world.

May Thy blessing rest upon all the members of our Society, our workers, and the strangers within our gates. Grant us strength day by day to follow where Thou dost lead and hasten the day when all men shall know the Lord and His Kingdom shall be established from sea to sea and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

We ask these blessings, and Thy forgiveness for anything we have asked amiss, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Redeemer. Amen.

Mr. John and Mrs. Cheshire (Eleanor McKechnie) and wedding party, Jhansi, India. Bridesmaid, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Jobat; groomsman, Mr. Angus Mackay, Jhansi. Seated at the left is Rev. D. E. McDonald, Jobat.

OUR LETTER BOX

Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire at Work

Jhansi, India.

MR. CHESHIRE had been working in Babina before we were married, while Dr. Thurrott was away for her holidays, so when we returned from Agra, we went to Babina where we stayed until about October 20th. After Dr. Thurrott's return, she examined all of the boys and girls in the school, which took about a month of her time. I enjoyed the work at Babina very much. As usual, during and just after the rains, there was a good deal of sickness, so quite a number of patients came every day, probably around fifty. They usually started coming about 7.30 a.m. Then Raja Bati and I went to a village for one or two meetings. There were usually more sick people waiting at the house for us to return. As the largest number of patients came in the afternoon, we tried to have a meeting with them first, then give them treatment.

During the last week of October, there were daily evangelistic meetings held on our compound led by Mr. Dunlop of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He is travelling around the world preaching the Gospel. Our people liked him very much and I know his meetings must have been helpful to them.

Now we are out in camp. It has been raining steadily for two and a half days, so that our tents are surrounded by water and mud. We have had to bank sand up around our tents to keep the water from flowing in. We had scarcely been out here an hour when an old woman came groaning across the field. She had been beaten by a landowner. He had apparently knocked her down and then kicked her back and chest. One side was swollen and I expect bruised, though with the dark skin, it is pretty hard to tell. Some of these landowners and head men of villages are so cruel. They treat the people like dogs.

Mr. Cheshire is working here without a Hindustani helper, but as he has the language well, he does not seem to mind working alone. I have Raja Bati for a helper. Very few women will attend meetings where there are men, so that we (Raja Bati and I) try to work mostly among the women. Since coming out here, we have been able to have a number of meetings right at our camp with those who come for medicine. Oh, that the bonds of Satan might be broken and these people accept Christ! They seem *so* hardened, but God's Word is quick and powerful, and we pray that it may pierce the hearts of these people.

. . . We are now in Jhansi. The roads where we are camping were so bad that we couldn't get out with the car so that we sent to the farm about four miles away for the rubber-tired ox-cart to come for us. The yearly convention begins to-morrow and we wanted to be in for it. Because of the rain, there wasn't much we could do in camp, anyway. The ox-cart is one which Hari Singh at the farm made on two motor wheels; it rides fairly smoothly, but the oxen were heavy and moved along slowly, which was maybe just as well because of the very bad road. It took over two hours to get to the farm—four miles. However, we were very thankful not to have to come in an ordinary ox-cart and we were very glad, too, to find a motor waiting to take us the rest of the way into Jhansi.

—(Mrs. John) Eleanor Cheshire.

To Nagpur and Dhamtari

Amkhut, India.

I WAS the Council delegate to the Mid-India Christian Council this year. It met in Nagpur, November 10-15. Miss MacMurchy went along to attend the meeting of the Board of Examiners for Compounders and Nurses and Musa Naku went with us to represent Presbytery at the Council. We went by car and had a very good trip. We very much enjoyed the meeting of the M. I. C. C. and its affiliated bodies—the Educational Union, the Medical Association and the Christian Association. We all came home M. I. C. C. enthusiasts. It is very good to get out of the jungle, to meet and talk with other people and to learn what other people are doing and how they are solving various problems. I, at least, certainly enjoyed the meetings and found them interesting and helpful. I hope it will be possible for me to go to them again before too many years.

After the Council meetings we went on beyond Nagpur to Dhamtari to see the school there to which we send our boys for teacher training. The boy who is there this year is Musa's brother. He and his wife were very glad to see us. They feel themselves strangers in a strange land and are very lonely for a sight of Amkhut and their relatives. They are counting the months till they come home again. We were quite taken with the place. They have a nice house to live in, a small private courtyard and a nice garden. The Mission grounds are all very nice and the buildings fine. The missionaries in charge of the school have a very nice bungalow. We stayed over night with them. We were very glad to meet them and to know the people to whom we send our boys.

On our way home we stopped about half an hour in Khandwa and saw our girls who are in Middle School there. As it was evening, we did not see the buildings there. Down that way they had heavy and quite unexpected rain for some days. . . . About 30 miles south of Khandwa we came to a river too deep to cross. We considered sleeping on the river bank and then decided to go back to the nearest village. We got there about 9 p.m. There was no Travellers' Bungalow but they were very pleased to have us sleep in the empty police station. We made some tea on our spirit stove, had some food, spread our blankets on the stone floor and slept quite peacefully, everything considered. We were up in the morning as soon as it began to get light and went back to the river. We crossed it safely, washed and beautified ourselves, and breakfasted on bread and jam and tea on the river bank. After putting the finishing touches on our home letters we continued merrily on our way.

I am on the go most of the time these days. I was in Jobat two days this week and half a day in Sardi. Next week I am planning to go to Sardi for another half day, to Mendha for two days and a day to Chicheniya. The week after that I am planning to stay home. I am a bit behind in my programme, having lost almost three weeks because of Council and the trip to Nagpur and Dhamtari.

—*Mary Sherrick.*

With the Babies in Amkhut

Amkhut, India.

IT is now 7.30 p.m., dinner is over, and all is quiet in the jungle. I have just written to Mrs. Abey to thank her for the photos of herself and Mr. Abey. We also received a very good photo of Miss Soutar from her mother and I have just hung them up in the front room of the Home; they have added a personal touch to the Children's Home that no other pictures can do. . . . I have not yet received the brass plate from Dr. Winchester, but will when the Jobat ladies come to visit us. I have picked a place for it.

This has been a very good year in the Babies' Home as far as the health of the kiddies is concerned. Musa had chicken-pox early in spring, but it didn't spread to any of the others. There were a number of cases in the girls' hostel, but no one was seriously ill. Other than this we have had no sickness among the kiddies.

Ruth and Jiwan with the children. Ashawanti is in Jiwan's arms.

Mungal Singh who is nearly always first on my list has passed his fifth birthday. He will not go to school till he is six. Bhil children are so very small in comparison to kiddies at home. When little Joan Toombs was among them a few weeks ago she looked years older than Mungal as far as size goes.

Each day all the kiddies with the exception of my baby sit in class. Roshan is just past two and it really is funny to see the way she stands up when her name is called. With a smiling face she says: One, two, three; and again says it, and again, thinking she knows just as much as the older ones. Then she comes forward and gets her little clap on the back. The three older ones are sailing along in counting and picking up tunes and reciting. We are now practising a little song for Christmas and they surely are brave when it comes to standing up before me and singing as loud as they can, but when they get on the platform it is a different matter.

My last arrival came in April, just before I left for the hills. She was a baby girl, 5 days old, and weighed only a little over three pounds.

The few days I had her before leaving for Kashmir I was delighted with the way she was taking her milk from a medicine dropper and the progress she was making. She was practically starved, for she hadn't had a real feeding since her birth. She had also been given opium to pacify her and it was some hours before she awakened enough for me to feed her. Her mother died the second day after giving birth to the little babe, but the grandmother didn't bring her till the fifth day. There seemed no grief on the grandmother's part and the father has never been near and has no interest in her. While I was in Kashmir Miss MacMurchy and Miss McConnell took care of her and in spite of many little set-backs she is now in her sixth month, a chubby normal baby. So much for Ashawanti (her name is Hope). As all the other kiddies are walking, she is my only baby. When I came from Kashmir I took another girl, Jiwan, on my staff. Her sister was with me a few months last fall just before she was married. Jiwan takes care of the baby and helps me in giving medicines and treatments. She is a great help but does not take the place of a nurse.

Dr. Winchester arrived a week ago last Wednesday and we were all over in Jobat at the time. Our visit with her was short, for we left immediately after dinner on the last night of Council. Miss McConnell and Miss MacMurchy had a lovely dinner for her and all were present, except Dr. Buchanan. Mr. McDonald and the doctor were over to Amkhut on Wednesday. It was a hurried visit, so she did not see Amkhut properly. At least she did not see my children!

You will be interested to know the wiring is completed in the Babies' Home. The men have yet to do the bungalow. . . . The engine also arrived a few days ago and it was quite a sight to see and *hear* it coming over the river and on to the compound. It took about five days to come from Dohad by ox-cart, one full day to come over the last ten miles of jungle and I think nearly a dozen men, besides the pair of oxen. The engine was on one cart and, as there were two water-tanks and other parts, it took three ox-carts to bring all in. One morning we heard lots of yelling and there wasn't a man to be seen on the compound. By that we knew the ox-carts were approaching. All men had gone to push and yell the carts over the river and up the grade to the bungalow. It surely was quite an interesting sight to see our electricity arrive. Then another day a camel brought in the beading, wire and other parts for the electricians. Other things have come by motor and on men's heads. The engine came from England; so you see our electricity won't be ordinary like from Niagara Falls, but it has come over the ocean by boat, then by train, ox-cart and camel, motor-boat and ''on foot''. I surely think it will shine much brighter.

—*Iris Errey.*

A Trip into the Formosan Hills

Tamsui, Formosa, Japan.

SINCE things are more settled, it has been possible for me to feel more free, and recently after considerable thought I did plan to go on a trip. I was gone for three whole days and had a great time, for the scenery of the Island is gorgeous, and the place abounds in all sorts of unusual and interesting things as well as people.

Miss Taylor and I wanted to go to Musha, up in the mountains in the central part of the Island. There are many villages of aborigines which we wanted to see, but those tribes now are, much as are the North American Indians, entirely under government control, and in order to go up into the mountains it is necessary to have permits. Having gone through all the red tape we could think of, we started.

First a five-hour journey on the regular government railway, then another hour by narrow-gauge, and an hour and a half by bus (and such a bus!), and we came to our stopping-place for that day and night.

Lake ''Candidious'', as it is called in English (Jitsugotsutan in Japanese, and something else in Chinese!), is tucked away among high hills, a most beautiful spot which in America would long ago have been seized upon and developed into a popular summer resort. After hotel registration, which is something of a long and complicated affair in Japan, we drank tea which is the invariable order of the day, and then arranged for a boat to take us across the lake to see the aborigines' village.

Their huts are made of mud in long barrack-like rows. At the end of each row is a pig-sty. Chickens, dogs and children play about everywhere in the dust and dirt. The women, having seen our boat coming across the lake, were already in their native costumes waiting to show us their dances and to sing their native songs. Of course, we would pay for this entertainment! Their songs and dances are not dissimilar to those of our Indians. We enjoyed it and in the silver light of the full moon returned to the hotel to partake of a Japanese supper.

Now if one likes Japanese food, which I do—I am in fact very fond of it—a Japanese meal is most satisfying. But if one doesn't care for rice and can't eat the other things all flavoured with *oshoyu,* a sauce made of soy beans, it is not wise to try staying at a Japanese inn, and under those circumstances one is hampered in freedom of travel, for there are no others. Personally I get along nicely, enjoy it all immensely, even to sleeping on the *tatami* floor.

The next morning we were once more on our way up, up, up. It was the same rattly, jiggly, shaky bus, but like the proverbial Ford, it ''rumbled right along.'' About ten-thirty we came to the town of Hori, which is the entrance to the forbidden territory. There permits had to be inspected and more permits obtained. As it happened to be a National holiday, this took an unusually long time. However, at last we were once more on our way, this time more or less escorted by the police. From there one rides on what is called a ''push-car''. And that is exactly what it is. It is pushed up hill and on the level, and on the down grade the ''pusher'' hops on behind and rides while the ''car'', a wooden platform about four feet square on four wheels running on a wee narrow track, goes of its own momentum. One sits on this diminutive ''flat-car'' in a wicker chair, or on a box, and, if travelling in luxury, there is a canvas canopy over one's head. By this conveyance we went a considerable distance up the mountain; then even the ''push-car'' had to be abandoned, and the remainder of the trip accomplished on foot.

On this particular National holiday all Japan goes to the shrine to do honour to their honourable ancestors. Therefore, tribes of aborigines from over the hills, who, by the way, are not Japanese and know little or nothing of Japanese customs, were all gathered there for a day of celebration. As all had come in gala dress we had a very unusual opportunity of seeing the native costumes of various villages that otherwise one might never see.

—*Georgia M. Newbury.*

A New Field

Shaughnessy, Alta.

WE have been holding a service each Sunday evening in Shaughnessy, with an attendance ranging from 12 to 20. We had Mr. Blackburn, Moderator of Macleod Presbytery, with us for a special service. There was an attendance of over 50; 7 children were baptized; 2 people joined the Church, and 19 took Communion. After Christmas I am planning to begin a communicants' class and in this way get some of the young people interested in the Church.

The children have their meeting on Mondays. Last night we had 32 out. For the present we are calling it a Children's Club, but perhaps before many weeks we will have developed into a Mission Band. Next week we are going to have a work meeting and the best samples of work will go to our missionary supply department.

Every Tuesday evening the women hold their meetings. We have arranged a different roll call for each meeting and are reading a chapter each night from the *Black Bearded Barbarian.* We enjoyed having Miss Lamont with us. Her address was such an inspiration to every one. We are planning to set aside one meeting each month for missionary study and activities. Before long I hope we will have a real live missionary society in Shaughnessy.

Then on Thursday evening our young people hold their meeting. At present we are using a chapter each night from Mr. McNab's book *They Went Forth.* They all seem to enjoy the stories. As a little side issue this week we are going to try soap-carving. Two weeks ago we staged an Amateur Night. Mr. Hepburn and some friends came out from Lethbridge to judge the competitors. We had a good crowd and financially it was a fair success, so that now we have a little money in our young people's treasury.

At Rolling Hill we have been carrying on with the Sunday School and Church service, with an attendance averaging about 20 at Sunday School and from 7 to 12 at the service following . . . . The Young People's Society organized by Mr. Beveridge is still carrying on. We hold our meetings every three weeks, but hope in the spring to have them more often.

—*Frieda E. Matthews.*

In and Out Among the People

R. R. 3, Red Deer, Alberta.

IT was my one free day from meetings,—but the roads were too skiddy to take a chance on some of them, so I just made calls at places where I had been asked to come. At the first place I found a small boy, about twelve, on the couch in the living-room and then discovered the mother in bed as well. They had both been sick for a week, but were now beginning to feel some better. The doctor had said she must have a month or so of real rest, but how is one to get it with a family of three? At the next place I found the mother, a nice Scotch lady, with her foot up on a chair, surrounded by her children and grandchildren, four of each. She had burnt her foot, then started in to work too soon and had made rather a bad job of the leg. The father brought me out his Gaelic Bible, after I had read John 10 to them. They had been burnt out after coming here and had lost everything, so when he had been sorrowing for his lost Bible some one gave him a Gaelic one. He can understand it so much better in the Gaelic. The next call and the mother had just come home from the hospital, so glad to be back with her children again.

I'm thinking of starting a service at Grassy Lake. Evidently in the early days we held a service there and then certain factions entered and it was stopped. Now they have nothing but the Mission Band and, as I feel that my Sunday could be busier and some of the people have mentioned a service, I'm going to see what can be done about it. There is a Ladies' Aid there, but it is more a community meeting than a Church one.

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We had a good Young People's missionary night at Valley Centre. I spoke to them about the Peace River District and then had four boys and four girls take the part of the workers now up there and they each told something about their own work.

The Young Women of Willowdale had a sale of work and a concert, and we cleared over $10, much to my surprise. It was a bitterly cold night, and only a few were out.

—Hazel Macdonald.

Reaching Scattered Homes

Brownvale, Alberta.

I WAS asked to visit an isolated family at a place called Royce P. O., and this necessitated my going west to Hines Creek by train 40 miles, then 9 miles with the mailman in an old democrat over awful roads, taking two hours and a half. From Royce P. O. I then rode horseback 7½ miles through heavy bush and down and up steep river banks, and eventually reached my destination at 9 p.m., having left home at 10.12 a.m. I had no idea of the location, and, though I intended getting back on Tuesday's train, I couldn't possibly make it until Friday. . . . But I feel it was a profitable week, as there are very few settlers, miles apart, and no church or school. I was able to have Sunday School choruses and stories with the children in the home where I stayed and we visited another family where the only other child of school age in the district was. It certainly was an interesting trip.

—M. Todd.

An Extensive Field

Wanham, Alberta.

COMING home last night from Fox Creek I really wondered if we were wise in taking on these points so far away. Fox Creek is 23 miles—Silverwood 20—Blueberry Mountain 56 (to the school where we hold the services), but I thought of the service and the evident pleasure of those who gathered for worship and Christian fellowship, of the three visits made, in one home where there was a recent bereavement, in another where there are difficulties and discouragements, and in the third where we had a happy time together planning our Christmas programme with a Three Hills Bible School graduate who is going to train the children. As I was leaving, she said, ''I wish you could stay a week so that we could talk over and plan things.''

Then to think of our Mission Band—only ten out—but one does not know just what influence has been brought to bear on these young lives as they sing the hymns and hear God's Word. One little Ukrainian girl said, ''I hope you can soon come again,'' but it will be a month before I am there. All these things made me feel it was well worth while to spend one and a half days at Fox Creek, even though the roads were so rough that the horses had to walk most of the way.

We have now eight points ranging from 12 to 56 miles apart. Services are carried on every Sunday morning in Wanham and on alternate Sundays at the other points. Attendance at each has been good. We are glad that so many do assemble to worship God, but there are many others who have no interest in spiritual things and live only for the material things of life. These we hope to reach and show them that the only satisfying life is the Christian life. We know that prayer changes things and as many are praying for this work, we hope that one day there will be a great ingathering into His Kingdom.

The outstanding event in Wanham Church was our Communion service when seven united on profession of faith. We now have thirteen members on our roll. The Sacrament of Baptism was also administered. Our anniversary service should have been held on October 18th, but we felt it was best to wait until Mr. Atkinson came back. Also everyone was so busy around that time getting in the harvest that November 8th seemed a better date. This year we are going to have an anniversary supper on the 9th, something new up here, but it is good to have the people meet together in a social way.

In Prestville we have also begun our Communion roll and on September 27th five united on profession of faith and one by certificate from Scotland. A baby was baptized, too.

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Two services have been held at Blueberry Mountain this month. I took the first and there were thirty-four present. There is a fine spirit among the people and they are eager for Christian fellowship. In the evening a group of young people came over to Mrs. Macdonald's for a "sing song", and it was an inspiration to hear them sing the old Psalms and hymns. We hope to continue services there on alternate Sundays, though in the winter it may be impossible, for 56 miles is a long trip by team.

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Belloy and Fox Creek, our other two new points, are encouraging, especially Fox Creek. The average attendance has been twenty. Mission Band is held once a month, on the Monday after the Sunday on which I take the service. A Mission Band was organized at Belloy and the name chosen by one of the girls was Jesus' Helpers. Let us hope they will be His helpers.

So we have three new Mission Bands, making seven in all, and one Girls' Guild, our first. There are just six members, but all are interested. They meet on alternate Fridays in the manse here. Work in the Sunday Schools and Women's Association has been carried on as usual.

—*Margaret Grigor.*

Kept Busy in Three Churches

New Westminster, B.C.

IT was different this year when I returned from holidays and began the fall work. It was like fitting in to grooves already made, and I felt so glad to be back among the people of the churches again.

In St. Aidan's Church I have been given a senior girls' class in the Sunday School and have them in a C.G.I.T. group on Friday night. My associations with the ladies in both the Aid and the Auxiliary are of the happiest, and I am only too glad, when they call on me, to do whatever I can to help out over there. . . .

In September, Miss Douglas spoke at an evening Thank-offering service in St. Aidan's, and I was privileged to run the lantern for her. The President of the Auxiliary is a very untiring and faithful worker for our cause and is more than just holding it together. An evening service was not being held and the ladies thought to have Miss Douglas speak on a Sunday night would bring the people out, as she is one of themselves, having grown up in that congregation. They were so pleased with the result, and felt it was the best Thank-offering meeting they had ever had. . . . The Mission Band took part in the service, and since that evening they were asked to take part in a special evening meeting arranged for the Home Helpers.

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I was asked to take the senior girls' class in St. Stephen's. I found it possible to do this as well as to teach the senior class at St. Aidan's, as the two schools meet at different hours, which gives me time to walk across from one church to the other on Sunday morning. I am very happy to have these classes for my very own, as I love the preparation and the teaching.

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I must mention the spiritual uplift we received in Vancouver from the coming of the National Preaching Mission from the States. The ministers of both Westminster and Vancouver co-operated splendidly, and it was a thrilling sight to see the churches in the city where the meetings were held overflowing. Thousands heard the messages of these outstanding Christian leaders. I heard Dr. Stanley Jones three times in one day! . . . I took one of the seminars; it was for Personal Evangelism, and conducted by Mr. Irving. The ministers are trying to keep the fire burning and other Preaching Missions have been held locally since that time. We had four evenings out here recently. Our own Dr. W. A. Cameron was one of the speakers. He was splendid that evening and sent out a real challenge to try the way of victorious Christian living.

In October we had the Moderator in St. Stephen's, New Westminster. His message was very fine and everyone who heard him liked him so much.

There was a great stir in St. Stephen's before his visit. A canvass was made and enough money procured to decorate the church, and varnish the pews and woodwork. Mrs. McKenzie even went further than that and managed to get enough money to put up a new curtain around the choir seats, and new floor covering down the aisles. It did look nice, and were we proud? I do believe that concentrated effort to make the church look better has had a good effect upon the congregation. We are really moving forward in St. Stephen's.

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St. Andrew's Mission Band has been meeting regularly, generally at my house. We sent off our supply of toys made in the spring, also a little gift for all the missionaries on the Bhil field.

—*Shirley V. Scott.*

Service of Worship for Youth

Prepared by Miss F. May Watts, Deaconess, Canadian Church Mission, Diocese of Honan, Kaifeng, Honan, China, on furlough, for the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FEBRUARY 12th, 1937

Theme: *The Son of the Living God*

Hymn 371: "O Spirit of the Living God." (Tune: *Wareham. L.M.*)

LEADER: Let us together confess our faith in the Son of the Living God:

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God,
Who loves me and gave Himself for me.
Having been redeemed by His precious Blood, and
Having life by His Holy Spirit,
He is in me, and I am in Him.
I believe there is no difficulty inward or outward
He is not able and willing to meet in my life to-day.
The Lord is my Keeper.

LEADER: Let us pray. (With heads bowed, or kneeling.)

LEADER: O Lord, let our prayer be set forth in Thy sight as the incense and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice.

Prayer (in unison)

O Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, after Thy great goodness: According to the multitude of Thy mercies do away our offences; Wash us throughly from our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sins. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

LEADER: Blessed Lord, who by Thine example and ministry didst show Thine exceeding great love for the young, look with favour upon all boys and girls in every land. Make them steadfast in temptation and direct to noble ends their spirit of fearless adventure.

Look down, we beseech Thee, upon those gathered to-day in this service of Prayer. Draw their love and service unto Thyself.

Raise up such leaders from among the youth of Thy Church that their young lives being nourished and strengthened in all goodness and Christian living they may minister to Thee in Thy missionary cause.

Grant that through Thy Cross our sins may be put away and that, cleansed by Thy Blood and mindful of Thy sufferings, we may take up our cross daily and follow Thee in newness of life until we come to Thine everlasting Kingdom.

We ask it for Thine Own Name's sake. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Scripture Reading (by the Leader or one appointed).

First Epistle of John, Ch. IV: vs. 7-10, 14-17; Ch. V; vs. 3-5.

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not grievous.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Hymn 377 (Crusaders' Hymn): "Hark! the song of jubilee."
(Tune: *St. George's, Windsor*)

LEADER: Let us pray.

We pray Thee, O Lord, that we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Thee, and be kept from hindering Thy Gospel by word or act. May we be given courage to bear faithful witness to Thee at all times, and serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living.

RESPONSE (in unison): *We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

LEADER: For all who are handicapped in the race of life through no fault of their own. For those whose livelihood is insecure, for the overworked, the hungry, the destitute, and for those who have been downtrodden, ruined or driven to despair.

RESPONSE: *We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

LEADER: For little children in all lands whose surroundings hide from them Thy love and beauty. For all the fatherless, motherless, and unwanted children in the world.

RESPONSE: *We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

LEADER: For all who do not pray for themselves, or who have not the consolation of the prayers of others and for all whose anguish is unrelieved by the knowledge of Thy love.

RESPONSE: *We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

LEADER: That it may please Thee to endue all who are set in authority in all lands with grace, wisdom and understanding; and to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord.

RESPONSE: *We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

LEADER: We thank Thee, O Lord, that in this age new visions are given, fresh opportunities presented, and stirring demands are made, and a will to unity and peace is being mightily and widely developed.

RESPONSE: *We thank Thee, O Lord.*

LEADER: We thank Thee for Thy Church, Thy Holy Word and Sacraments, and other means of grace, but above all for Thyself, Our Guide and Friend, that our minds being stayed on Thee we may pass through the hurry and turmoil of life and be at peace.

RESPONSE: *We thank Thee, O Lord.*

LEADER: Our Father, we beseech Thee to open our eyes and the eyes of Thy Church to the needs of Thy children in all lands. Move us all to pray for the cause for which Christ lived and died, and lives to plead in Heaven. Heal our divisions and make us one in Thee. Open the eyes and touch the hearts of the young in all lands. Send them forth to serve Thee and to give as Thou hast given with fearless heart and hand. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Short Address on the purpose of the World Day of Prayer, based on information on page 8 of the World Day of Prayer programme.

Offering

Hymn (Tune: *St. Peter*)

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of Love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

Join hands then, Brothers of the Faith,
Whate'er your race may be—
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North,
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

—*John Oxenham.*

Leader: Let us pray (in unison).

‘‘Lord, what a change within us, one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make!

. . .

What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel, how weak!—we rise how full of power!

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Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others, that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care,
Anxious or troubled—when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?’’

Leader: Let us dedicate ourselves afresh to Jesus, the Son of the Living God, in the words of the following hymn. (*Kneeling.*)

Hymn (Tune: *Elmhurst. Altern. Woodworth*)

Just as I am, Thine own to be,
Friend of the young, who lovest me,
To consecrate myself to Thee,
O Jesus Christ, I come.

In the glad morning of my day,
My life to give, my vows to pay,
With no reserve and no delay,
With all my heart I come.

I would live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the right,
I would serve Thee with all my might,
Therefore to Thee I come.

Just as I am, young, strong, and free,
To be the best that I can be,
For truth, and righteousness and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come.

With many dreams of fame and gold,
Success and joy to make me bold,
But dearer still my faith to hold,
For my whole life I come.

And for Thy sake to win renown,
And then to take the victor’s crown,
And at Thy feet to cast it down,
O Master, Lord, I come.

—*Marianne Farningham.*

Silent Prayer (for one minute)

Leader: Accept, O Lord, we beseech Thee, our praises, hear our prayers, and forgive the shortcomings of our worship through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing (sung in unison, or repeated) (Tune: *Walford Davies*)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking:
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be in my life and at my departing.

—*Sarum Primer.*

Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

Please send offerings to the Treasurer, Inter-Board Committee: Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

What to Read

By Margaret Ness

TWO devotional suggestions: **His Place of Help**, by Oswald Chambers ($1.25)—if you enjoyed **My Utmost for His Highest**, you will want to read this newer book by the same author; **Secret of the Abiding Presence**, a new shipment and a reduced price (15 cents) brings this ever popular booklet to the fore again.

Two new books on World Missions: **Shaping the Future**, by Basil Mathews (90 cents)—the author's name is a sufficient reason for everyone to read this book which, in volume form, presents a series of lectures delivered in Toronto, Belfast and Dublin; **The Way of Witnesses** (70 cents) is a New Testament study in missionary motive, illustrated by references to recent missionary work.

Two biographies: **Agnes Dickson**, Missionary to the Chinese in China and in Canada (45 cents)—this new book blends a missionary background with a humorous and dramatic foreground; **Dr. Jessie MacBean** (reduced to 20 cents), the story of Dr. MacBean's life is combined with the history of Hackett Medical College where she gave such long service.

Two new Home Helpers leaflets: **There is Something I Can Do** (free), an inspirational account of what a Home Helper is and what a Home Helper can achieve, is from the pen of Mrs. H. R. Horne, Regina, President of the Saskatchewan Provincial; **The Ideal Home Helpers Secretary** (free).

Two envelope suggestions: **Monthly W.M.S. envelopes**, 2 cents a package; **Home Helpers envelopes**, 25 cents a 100.

Two books: **Incident and Story** (25 cents), a collection of letters and stories from our workers, to be used as a supplementary book for programmes; **Friends Around the World** (25 cents), the 1935-37 Mission Band Study Book.

Six Maps: British Guiana, Canada, China, Formosa, India, Japan. Separately 25 cents each. Set, $1.25.

Note: The Supply Leaflet has been revised and should be in the hands of every Supply Secretary, (free).

A little in Christ's hand goes far.
Yield thy poor best and muse not how or why,
Lest one day, seeing all about thee spread
A mighty crowd and marvellously fed,
Thy heart break out into a bitter cry:
"I might have furnished, I, yea, even I,
The two small fishes and the barley bread!"

—*Frederick Langbridge.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

> *''Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.''*

WHEN Ruth made this great choice, little could she dream of the way God would use her. Little could she dream that her great grandson would be David, that Jesus Himself would come of her line. God is ever ready to use young women in His service. Would you be one of those who ''study to show themselves approved''—who through constant vigilance keep their spirits tuned, their minds alert, and their hands and feet eager and willing?

The Young Women's Auxiliary is one instrument that the Women's Missionary Society provides for the development of its young women. The Young Women's Auxiliary will help you to know not only what has been done in the past in the name of the Church, but what is being done at present and what can be done in the future in bringing in the Kingdom of God on earth. It is a glorious company and the glory increases with knowledge.

Do you know what is involved in the aim and purpose of the Women's Missionary Society, ''to unite the women and children of the Church in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ, at home and abroad''? Are you aware of the ways in which a Young Women's Auxiliary can support this? Do you know that Presbyterian young women are being given the opportunity to share with other Christian youth in building a better Christian world through a fresh examination of their own lives to determine if they are increasingly Christian in all relationships, through a discovery of ways to help others to be truly Christian in the home, the community, the nation, the world?

Do you know what the Churches are doing to hasten the coming of righteousness and peace in this unrighteous and war-torn world? Can you discuss intelligently some of the accomplishments of the workers of our Society? Do you know how the members are expressing their devotion to Christ through their gifts of body, mind and spirit that others in turn may hear His call and give their all in service? What would be your appeal to a young woman whom you would wish to interest in the work of the Women's Missionary Society?

The Young Women's Auxiliary can give you the answers to many of these questions and indicate to you how these, your representatives, are helping to realize the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done."

Study and discussion have their place, but they are not enough, unless some time is devoted to prayer. Through silence, through devotional reading, through prayer, the spirit is renewed and is enabled to rise to undreamed-of heights of creative living. God himself will open your mind to His truth, and keep you ever in His goodness.

When one is conscious of the needs and aware of the Power to meet them, the natural question is, "What can I do about it?" One of the great pioneer missionaries once said, "If you want to be a foreign missionary begin now; an ocean voyage won't change you." Are we being foreign missionaries? Our missionaries on the field do not do the whole task. By our prayers we may be missionaries, sharing in their tasks. By practising Christian world citizenship we may become foreign missionaries. If we are truly Christian the world knows it and the missionary can present the message with the knowledge that it is being really lived out by the Christians who have sent her.

To be a foreign missionary and yet never leave our own town! There never was a time when artificial boundaries of time and place were so fast fading into insignificance, when the closeness of the human family demanded a choice between suspicion and understanding, between hate and love in individuals, groups and nation. What are you doing to break down barriers in your community, the nation, the world? What are the members of your Young Women's Auxiliary doing in this world-building? As members of a Young Women's Auxiliary there are many practical things you can do! If you are in earnest about wanting to do something, where will you begin?

Ruth left all to follow Naomi and Naomi's God, and to-day the world rises to call her blessed. What will you leave to more intelligently, devotedly, practically, and completely follow Christ?—Adapted.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

WALKING through one of our large stores at Christmas time, I overheard a lady say to her friend, "Next year I mean to cut out this Christmas stuff altogether", and the thought struck me, "Surely this is not the Christmas spirit! At Christmas time above all others, the spirit of giving and sacrifice should rule." And I felt sorry for the lady to whom giving had become a bore, because she had missed the joy of giving. And I said to myself, "Is not that just the way most of us feel at any other time but Christmas?'' We confine all the pleasure we might have in making others happy to a few days around Christmas and the rest of the year we give the good things to ourselves, and forget about our neighbours and the Bethlehem Babe. Or, if we give at all, we do not give so much as we spend on ourselves and so we become self-centred and unhappy. We blame God and the world around us for our miserable state, and all the time the fault is in us alone, because we do not love our neighbours as ourselves, nor do we give with love as the Apostle says, and are ''become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal'', making much noise but little impression on the world around us. And sometimes in our Christmas giving we forget that even if we give our bodies to be burned and have not love, it profiteth us nothing.

So, for 1937, shall we not consider that our duty is to give ourselves to Christ that He may fill us with His love, and we may spread that love among our neighbours and the unfortunate ones who are all around us? Shall we resolve that by our presence in our pew at Church we shall show in whom we have believed and give to our Church more than we spend on our own amusement, on our manicures and permanent waves? Then our Church will not always be begging for money, and will be able to ''preach the gospel to the poor'', and ''to feed the hungry'' and ''clothe the naked'', which is the task given to her by the Babe of Bethlehem, who grew up to be our Saviour. We should obey His commands because He gave all He was and all He had for us.

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SINCE 1761

Most boys and girls like stories full of adventure, depicting the lives of courageous men and women, and relating deeds of daring. This year the Mission Study Book, *Since 1761*, for our girls' organizations contains these very things. Here we learn of the birthdays of our oldest churches and their earliest leaders. This story fills a very special need in giving us the history of our Church in Canada. It points us to be loyal to those who laid Church trails in the very early days in this Dominion. One also reads with pride the accomplishments of our modern pioneers. In a condensed form the book relates how our Church is meeting the needs of the people in the city districts, in remote parts of the frontier, and in tiny Oriental villages. Here, too, is valuable material to help the leader in presenting to the group facts about the uniqueness of our Church, its standards and government. It will also show the relation of the group to the W.M.S., the relation of the W.M.S. to the Church as a whole. For leaders and their groups, this book has been prepared. May they make it their own.

—*V. T.*

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

FLYING FISH

SHONTER SAN was very happy and was singing as he dressed himself, for this was the day when all boys celebrated their festival. In Japan it doesn't matter when you are born, the girls' special holiday, the Girls' Festival, is in March and the boys celebrate theirs on the fifth of May. As Shonter San had two older brothers there were three to celebrate in their home that day.

Shonter San was not very old and it took him quite a while to dress. He put on his bright kimono and his brother helped him with his sash. He had great big sleeves that hung down almost to his knees. These sleeves are really pockets and before he went out he put his ball, some marbles and a paper handkerchief in one of them.

He ran out to the street. How gay it looked! In front of his house there was a big pole and from it three paper fish were waving in the breeze. These fish are made of paper and when the wind blows they fill out and look almost as if they were swimming. Any one can tell how many boys there are in each house, for there is always a fish for each boy.

Shonter San played with his ball for a little while, then he sat down and looked at the fish waving in the breeze. He asked some boys who were passing what kind of fish they were supposed to represent and they told him carp. ''I wonder why they should be carp'', he thought, so he ran into the house to ask his father.

''Honourable father'', said Shonter San, ''why is it that carp are chosen to fly from our poles on our festival?''

''Because'', said his father, ''the carp isn't a lazy fish that just wants to swim down the stream; he is a plucky fish for he swims up the rivers and against the stream; he even jumps up the waterfalls. That is the kind of boy I want my son to be; I want him to be plucky and brave and strong.'' Shonter San went out to the street again and thought about what his father had said while he watched the fish flying from the poles.

That afternoon when Shonter San was playing his mother called him and told him to go and open the door as someone wanted to come and see them. He ran quickly and then stopped, for he could see a foreign lady standing on his door-step. He didn't like foreigners and was afraid to go, but then he remembered the fish that was flying on the pole outside his house, so he plucked up his courage and opened the door, bowing politely. Perhaps you can guess who the foreigner was? She was one of our own missionaries. Shonter San isn't afraid of her any more, for now she is one of his best friends and he knows that she has left her home on the other side of the world to tell the story of Jesus to the people in Japan.

—Adapted from *Missionary Stories for Little Folks* by Margaret T. Applegarth.

NOTE—The attention of Mission Bands is called to Miss Errey's letter in the Letter Box.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST., S.W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of the North Hill Auxiliary on November 17th was exceptionally well attended and an interesting programme was given. The Mission Band contributed two very fine items and Rev. T. A. Rodger of Knox Church gave an address on ''Our Pioneer Mission Fields and Churches'', illustrated with slides. At the November meeting Mrs. R. H. Williams, of St. Andrew's, gave an excellent paper on ''Sowing and Reaping''.

On November 21st the Mission Bands of Calgary Presbyterial held a successful rally in Knox Church. Mrs. T. A. Rodger presided over an interesting programme prepared by the different Bands. The Banff Mission Band sent greetings. Miss P. B. Lamont and Mrs. F. W. Allott gave addresses. The result of this first rally of the Bands of the Presbyterial was so encouraging that the leaders are looking forward to a bigger rally in 1937.

At the annual meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary the reports showed a marked improvement in all branches of the work; the Treasurer's report was particularly encouraging, showing the allocation substantially exceeded. Life Membership certificates were presented to Mrs. J. Lowther, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. B. Polley and Mrs. J. D. Chisholm. A Junior certificate was presented to Donna Reynolds. In appreciation of a long term of faithful, untiring service in the W.M.S. of the Church an Honorary Certificate and pin were presented to Mrs. F. W. Allott, who early in the year was to move from Calgary to Victoria. The Mission Band contributed an attractive little play and also presented Mrs. Allott with a pretty corsage of roses.

Red Deer P.S.—December 11th marked the 10th birthday of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Memorial Church, Rocky Mountain House. At its organization the Society had 5 members and to-day it claims 14. Two of the original members were present, Mrs. Irish and Mrs. J. A. Driscoll, the former cutting the birthday cake. There was a large attendance of friends and it is hoped the membership will be increased very soon. The senior members of the Mission Band have been organized as a Girls' Group, with Miss E. Jones as leader. Miss G. E. Elliott and Miss E. Coghlin have taken charge of the Band. On November 30th Miss Lamont and Miss Hazel Macdonald, the new deaconess, visited the Auxiliary and their visit was much appreciated.

Edmonton P.S.—Miss M. Grigor, deaconess at Wanham, reports busy days at this season of the year. Two new Mission Bands have been organized, one at Belloy which meets every two weeks and the Sunshine Mission Band at Fox Creek, meeting monthly. Miss Grigor hopes to have another Band organized at Silverwood early in the new year, as the children there were enthusiastic over her visit and have expressed their willingness to join up.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KOOTENAY P.S.—The annual Home Helpers meeting of Cranbrook W.M.S. Auxiliary held recently at the President's home was conducted by the Home Helpers Secretary, with several Home Helpers taking part in the programme. Two interesting papers on ''Stewardship'' were read. There was a good attendance. The mite boxes were opened and there was a good collection. The Cranbrook Church is mourning the loss of its oldest member, Mr. John Fingal Smith, 89 years of age. He was an elder and an Honorary member of the W.M.S.

Miss Hazel Macdonald, deaconess, occupied the pulpit of the Creston Church in September and gave an interesting account of her work in the Peace River country. Creston Church has lately lost several of its most devoted members by death and removal, among them Mrs. J. Sherwood, an active worker in the W.M.S. Auxiliary since organization, and at the time of her death, Auxiliary Treasurer and Presbyterial Corresponding Secretary. At the October Auxiliary meeting a Life Membership and pin were presented to Mrs. H. McCreath, an active worker of long standing.

Victoria P.S.—Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary held its Thank-offering meeting on November 5th, with a very good attendance. Miss Ellen Douglas, on furlough from India, gave a very interesting talk on her work among the Bhils, illustrated by beautiful slides.

A very successful C.G.I.T. rally was held in the Chinese Presbyterian Church in December with Miss Frances Lightbody in charge. Rev. Dr. A. S. Imrie, of Emmanuel Baptist Church, spoke on ''Peace''. Mrs. T. Hammond brought greetings from Victoria Leaders' Council. Mrs. A. A.

McKinnon, Presbyterial President, was also present. A sing-song and refreshments brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Westminster P.S.—At the November meeting of First Church W.M.S. Auxiliary, Prince Rupert, the guests were members of First Baptist W.M.S. Rev. Mr. Birchall, of St. Peter's Anglican, gave an address on ''Our Unity in Christ''. A social hour helped cement friendship and promote unity.

At the November meeting of St. Stephen's, North Vancouver, Mrs. W. H. MacInnes, Provincial Treasurer, gave a graphic picture of the noble, self-sacrificing band of women in Toronto who give their time and talents to affairs of the W.M.S. She also spoke of the Deaconess Training Home and the part played by Miss Ferguson, its head. At the December meeting a Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Charles Evans, a charter member. An In Memoriam was also presented in honour of two beloved members of the congregation.

Fairview W.M.S. Auxiliary, Vancouver, always gives a good report of its year's work. Faithful attendance and generous, self-denying givings of consecrated workers is the secret of their success. At the Thank-offering meeting Rev. Dr. Ellis conducted the devotions and Rev. Clarence Wood, from the Bhil Field, India, was the speaker. He conducts a Bible school, training students for the native ministry. These young men are faithful in spite of intense opposition. Mr. Wood is also engaged in translating the Bible into Bhili for use in this school. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. DeWitt, Supply Secretary. In December, Mrs. Thos. Deas, the retiring President, was presented with a Life Membership.

Notice

World Day of Prayer programmes may be obtained from the B.C. Depository, Central Church, 1100 Thurlow St., Vancouver, at a cost of 1 cent a copy.

MANITOBA

Mrs. George Reynolds, 218 Young St., Winnipeg, Press Secretary

BRANDON P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Brandon, was held at the manse in November. Rev. J. F. Wedderburn conducted the devotional service. Mrs. R. A. Hamlin brought greetings from St. Andrew's Auxiliary. The guest speaker, Mrs. H. White, of Elphinstone, gave a very interesting talk on Tithing. At their annual meeting on December 15th encouraging reports were heard from the different departments. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. E. C. Tatton from the Auxiliary, and one to Mrs. D. Duncan from Miss Aiken. Miss Mary Scott received a Life Membership, the gift of Mrs. J. F. Leslie. Mary had received the other seals while in Mission Band and with the red seal this year completed her certificate.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Brandon, a Life Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. W. Huxley. Mrs. Douglas also presented her with the gold pin. Their Thank-offering meeting was held in the evening in October, Mrs. R. A. Hamlin presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. J. Allen and Mrs. Boyle, and musical numbers were rendered by the choir and Miss Blackwell. Rev. H. E. D. Ashford gave a very interesting talk on his work among the lepers in India.

The Elizabeth L. Abey Mission Band of First Church, Brandon, held its Thank-offering meeting on December 11th, with Margaret Taylor in the chair. Third year seals were presented to Betty Wedderburn and Anna McLeod, and a fifth year seal and Life Membership to Margaret Taylor. Rev. J. F. Wedderburn spoke briefly to the Band and their guests.

Superior P.S.—The death of Dr. Robert Moore was a serious loss to Fort Frances and especially to the Presbyterian Church to which he had for many years given loyal service. It was largely due to his liberal support that when they lost their church in 1925 the little group were able to erect, on a fine site given by him, the present fine brick church. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Moore who has been for several years President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, and was formerly a member of the Provincial Board and the Presbyterial Executive.

During his visit to Port Arthur and Fort William the Moderator, Rev. Malcolm Campbell, D.D., opened a new Sunday School Hall in the northern part of Port Arthur.

Rev. W. Mackay, Synodical missionary, officiated at preparatory service in Port Arthur in December. He reported having dispensed the Sacrament to one hundred at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Boarding School.

Winnipeg P.S.—On November 25th to the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Winnipeg, Rev. Edward Lee gave an illustrated lecture, showing 32 slides of marvellous pictures of Master Painters of the world.

ONTARIO

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PROVINCIAL annual meeting, New St. James' Church, London, April 20-21-22. Requests for billets must be sent, by April 1st, to the Secretary of the Billeting Committee, Mrs. S. Milliken, 22 Rattle St., London.

At a tea for the ladies of the congregation the Bowmanville Auxiliary, Peterborough P.S., displayed their bale, the offering going to defray expenses. The Bowmanville C.G.I.T. have purchased a loom and plan to make good use of it; they also make books which the Mission Band convert into scrap-books. Four members attended Glenmohr camp last summer. A young boy who attends Glenmohr each summer instructs the Mission Band boys in woodcarving and leather work. A Presbyterial Mission Band rally in Cobourg had the largest attendance in years. Port Hope Band increased its givings, each member giving five cents extra a month. The Girls' Auxiliary, Port Hope, were guests of Rev. J. and Mrs. Foote for their Thank-offering meeting, Mrs. Foote giving the message. Colborne Mission Band made two quilts, selling one and putting the other in their bale. They made rabbits, dogs, and dressed dolls for Christmas gifts and sent $10.00 to the general fund. At the Thank-offering meeting of Grace Y.W.A., Peterborough, Rev. Wm. Patterson, All Saints Church, Peterborough, gave an address. Millbrook Senior Auxiliary were guests at Centreville's Thank-offering meeting for which they provided the programme. At a sectional meeting at Keene, with seven Auxiliaries represented, Mrs. Walker, formerly of Carnduff, Sask., gave an interesting talk on conditions and Church work in the West. Miss Walker, deaconess, spoke on Programme Building. An open discussion on different phases of W.M.S. work was interesting and beneficial.

Thank-offering meetings in Paris P.S. were well attended. Mrs. T. E. Langford, Simcoe, addressed the Paris meeting on ''Contrasts''—between the women of non-Christian lands and those of Christian lands. One Life Membership and two In Memoriams were presented, and silver seals to five members of the Mission Band. Mrs. I. Breckenridge spoke at Innerkip and Mrs. A. E. Wright at Ratho. At Innerkip Dr. Morley, St. Catharines, addressed a capacity audience of the Y.P. Societies of the Presbyterial on ''Unused Dividends''.

Miss Louise Reith, Tara, addressed seven Thank-offering meetings in Maitland P.S., speaking on the joy of service, as exemplified in the work of our deaconesses.

Midland and Wyebridge members attended the meeting at Penetanguishene, Barrie P.S. Mrs. Wm. Coutts, Stayner, was the speaker. At the tea hour a birthday cake was presented to the minister, Rev. M. W. Heslip. At Thornbury-Clarksburg, Mrs. W. Reekie and Miss Sarah MacMurchy read papers on the life and work of Dr. Goforth. The Collingwood Y.W.A. presented a play and musical programme; a good offering was received.

Mrs. B. D. Marwick, Temiskaming P.S., addressed the Senior and Y.W. Auxiliaries, New Liskeard, meeting afternoon and evening in the School Residence. She also spoke at Englehart and presided at an executive meeting there at Mrs. Jas. Patterson's.

The Wallace Auxiliary of Cooke's Church, Toronto, celebrated its Golden Jubilee and Thank-offering jointly. A message from Mrs. A. R. Gregory, charter member, was read. Mrs. A. Eagle read the Auxiliary's first annual report. Mrs. J. A. Hilts brought greetings from the Provincial.

A Life Membership, given by Mrs. T. Rennie, was presented to Miss E. Lockie. Mrs. William Patterson, founder of the Auxiliary, recalled incidents of her early association with the Church as the minister's wife. A social hour followed the meeting when the birthday cake was served.

The forty-fifth anniversary of Glenview Auxiliary was celebrated at the Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Jas. Logie and Mrs. W. Bailey were presented with nosegays. Mrs. K. B. Schroeder gave a historical sketch. Mrs. W. A. McLennan extended greetings from Council, Mrs. J. A. Hilts from Provincial, Mrs. A. C. Stewart from Presbyterial, and Dr. H. E. Abraham from the session. Mrs. J. Williams conducted a service of remembrance. She also presented Life Memberships to Mrs. J. A. Rose and Miss Erie Black, Junior memberships to Clarabelle Manson and Joyce Tew, and seals to Gwenneth McDonald and Isabel Rose.

On its fiftieth anniversary Newmarket Auxiliary was addressed in the afternoon by Dr. Margaret O'Hara and in the evening by Rev. A. A. Lowther, who told of past and present conditions in India. A sketch of the fifty years' work of the Auxiliary was given and first and later officers mentioned by Miss Rowland. A message was received from Mrs. Manning, New York, charter member. Greetings from Council, Provincial and Presbyterial, were conveyed by Mrs. McGillivray, Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Orillia, Mrs. A. C. Stewart, and Miss Lundia MacBeth, Toronto.

Maple Valley Mission Band, Orangeville P.S., took charge of the Senior Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting. They increased their funds by serving tea to the ladies at ten cents each. The roll call was answered by bits of information on the work locally and at large, the tiny tots recited a hymn and several missionary readings were given. The adults received much helpful knowledge from these young workers. The Band raised $20.00 in 1936 and gave a bale valued at $6.50. Mrs. R. D. Fraser, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. Gemmell, Presbyterial Treasurer, spoke at Caledon East. Mrs. George Aitken was presented with a Life Membership and pin, the gift of her small son. The W.M.S. Auxiliary and Y.P.S., Caledon East, held a successful tea and baking sale, realizing $22.50.

The Y.W.A., Oil Springs, Sarnia P.S., held its first Thank-offering meeting, with Mrs. C. H. MacDougall, Strathroy, as speaker. St. James' Mission Band, Forest, heard an interesting, informative address on the origin and meaning of Chinese names. A lovely treat was provided by Mrs. W. Middleton. At Bear Creek Rev. James Milroy, Sarnia, told of his experiences as a missionary in British Columbia. Bear Creek Auxiliary members on the eighth line held a tea at Mrs. Miskell's, proceeds from both gatherings being $46.00 Visitors from St. Andrew's, Sarnia, and Camlachie attended the meeting at Paterson Memorial Church which was addressed by Rev. J. Milroy, who also spoke at an evening meeting of

Camlachie Mission Band. Rev. A. A. Lowther spoke to the Senior Auxiliary of life and work in India. At Strathroy, Mrs. A. B. MacDonald, Ailsa Craig, told of the important part women had taken in Church work from the earliest days. To a woman was given the first message, ''Go, Tell''.

Mrs. J. M. Campbell, North Bay P.S., addressed Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial and presided over the executive meeting in North Bay.

Mrs. James Hill, Treasurer of Cromarty Auxiliary, Stratford P.S., for twenty-five years, was presented with a Life Membership and an address of appreciation.

A Hymn For Women

Born of the flesh of Mary,
Nursed on her gentle knee,
Subject to her as mother,
Hear, Lord, a woman's plea.

Mine not the bliss of Mary,
Nurture of Child Divine;
Humble my earthly calling;
Make it with fervour shine.

Women Thou blessed with healing,
Blessed with Thy love and care,
Pardoned their sins and errors;
Hear now a woman's prayer.

Grant that my simplest service
Worship and praise may be:
Even a cup of water
Given for love of Thee.

Help me to share with others
Mercies on me bestowed
Lend them, by my example,
Courage along life's road.

Show me the Way that leadeth
Upward toward the Light:
Teach me the Truth that surely
Mergeth my faith in sight.

Grant that for all Thy goodness
Thanks may my heart employ,
Comfort along life's journey,
Hope of eternal joy.

Glory to God, the Father;
Glory to God, the Son,
And to the Blessed Spirit,
Holiest Three in One. Amen.

E. E. Bingham.

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Ontario

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He Died!

And with Him perished all that men hold dear;
Hope lay beside Him in the sepulchre,
Love grew corse cold, and all things beautiful beside
Died when He died.

He Rose!

And with Him hope arose and life and light.
Men said, ''Not Christ but Death died yesternight'',
And joy and truth and all things virtuous
Rose when He rose.

—(Author unknown).

The Unfailing Mystery

HAVE you ever thought of the strange fitness of things which set the time of Resurrection for the springtide of the year? One would almost think it fore-ordained that every spring the voice of Nature should proclaim to Man that Death is ''but a sleep and a forgetting'' through which life passes on to its appointed destiny.

It is significant that when the first followers of Christ proclaimed His gospel to the world they spoke again and again of ''this Jesus whom God hath raised from the dead.'' Their instinct was right. The outstanding fact about the human spirit which Christianity has to declare is its perdurability—its survival through all the changes of Life and of Death when it is caught up and fused with the Spirit of Christ.

What have any of the ''new'' religions of to-day to offer to mankind compared with that ineffable boon of Life Eternal with God? Communism, in its ideal form nearest of all modern creeds to the brotherliness of Christianity, is in its practical working-out a thing of the earth—earthy. Its goal is a kingdom of equalitarian privilege where all shall enjoy the fruits of civilization—at a price in bloodshed, violence, and cruelty that all the gains of the Communistic state can never repay. Nationalism, the creed of Germany and Italy and Japan, looks only to material victory in a world where brute force is to be the supreme test between Right and Wrong.

Yet brutal and destructive as these faiths are, they at least exact sacrifice and devotion from the men and women of the younger generation of those four countries whom they seem largely to have mesmerised. In this they are far more noble, more heroic, than the easy-going selfishness which seems to have gripped so many in our English-speaking world at the present time. ''Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we die.''

Eastertide is a reminder—a lovely reminder—that Christ calls us to a higher destiny than any alien faith which darkens human life to-day. All the modern rivals of the Christian faith deny or ignore any life but this, as if Man were a body without a soul. Christ beckons us beyond them all, to a life as yet unseen, whose values are eternal.

—From *Young Scotland.*

Editorial

Problems of the Hungarian Presbyterians

BEFORE leaving for Hungary, Rev. Frank Kovacs spoke to the Council Executive of the need for literature for the Hungarians in Canada. Because of ill-health, Mr. Kovacs resigned his position as minister to the Hungarian Presbyterians in Hamilton, but the Presbytery granted him leave of absence for seven months, or longer. As the *Hungarian Observer* which he had edited for ten years would be discontinued during his absence, he would like to have the Society's grant used in the meantime to send good literature from Hungary. He spoke, too, of what he had seen last summer of the efforts of the Calvinists of Transylvania to maintain their Church. Opposition has resulted in a spiritual awakening among the scattered groups of Presbyterians who are unwilling to become part of the Roumanian or Greek Orthodox Church. New hospitals and schools have been built to replace those that were confiscated, as well as new churches, the people themselves doing the building, in some cases even making brick. A careful survey had been made and all scattered groups noted, with all possible leaders and teachers, as well as the books available. Groups and individuals are looked after and encouraged: if a minister cannot go to them, a Presbyterian teacher may or a layman or a woman. Mr. Kovacs asked the members of the Board to watch what he described as ''this last outpost of Calvinism in Europe.''

The absence of Mr. and Mrs. Kovacs is a distinct loss not only to the Hungarian work but to the Church in Canada. It is earnestly hoped that with improved health Mr. Kovacs may return to carry on his work among his own people in this country.

Another Nurse in the Peace River District

A SECOND missionary nurse has begun work in the Peace River district under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). In answer to an appeal from Dr. Savage for a nurse for the Dixonville field, to which the Church had not been able to send a doctor, the Council Executive, with the approval of the Presbytery of Peace River, appointed Miss Verlie Evans, of Vancouver, to serve in that field, her duties to begin on January 1st. Miss Evans attended High School in Wales, and received her nursing training in St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver. We wish her every success in her new work.

Honoured Missionaries Return to Field

IT was with great satisfaction that the news was received that during the absence from Formosa on furlough of Dr. and Mrs. Gushue-Taylor the work at the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony would be in charge of Mrs. William Gauld and Miss Gretta Gauld. They will both be gladly welcomed back to the North Formosan field to which Mrs. Gauld gave thirty-eight years of the finest missionary service and Miss Gauld six years as a nurse in the Mackay Memorial Hospital at Taihoku before their withdrawal in 1930.

Mrs. Wm. Gauld

Miss Gretta Gauld, R.N.

A New Member

ALL our readers will rejoice to hear of the latest addition to the home mission staff, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Savage (Dr. Margaret Strang), of Dixonville, Alberta, born on January 16th.

Transfer of Deaconesses

IN accordance with the policy of the Women's Missionary Society to make adjustments from time to time to meet the changing needs of its work, some changes have recently been made in the Deaconess Department. To help in the new work in Northern Ontario Miss L. Macarthur, who has rendered such valuable service in Regina, is taking over new duties in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, where our Church is opening up work under Rev. C. J. MacKay about the first of March. Miss Helen Ross, whose work in Saskatoon has for many years been of the greatest assistance to the Church, is taking Miss Macarthur's place in Regina, while Miss Mabel Booth, who has been assisting Mr. Fesenko in the work among the Ukrainians in Toronto, has gone to carry on the deaconess work in Saskatoon which Miss Ross is giving up.

Timely Gifts

IN her work as a missionary nurse in the Peace River district near Brownvale Miss Madill has been greatly helped by the supplies so kindly sent to her by Mr. W. H. Mitchell of the Maritime Surgical Supplies, Halifax—boxes of bandages, gauze and absorbent, and rubber goods, just the things, she said, that she needed most in the fall for some cases of bad burns among the threshers. The Society is very grateful to Mr. Mitchell for his generous assistance.

Death of Miss Catherine Campbell

ONE of the early missionaries in India, Miss Catherine Campbell, died on January 31st after a long illness. Appointed in 1894 to missionary service in India under the Presbyterian Church, Miss Campbell gave forty years to that work, after 1925 under the United Church of Canada. For her devoted work for the women and children of India, especially during the years of famine, she was awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind medal by the Government of India. Since her retirement in 1935 she lived with her brother in Molesworth where she was active in the work of our Church.

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

Treasurer's Statement for 1936

THE auditors' statement was received and accepted by the Council Executive at its meeting on February 9th and will appear in full in the Annual Report.

Below is an abbreviated statement of receipts and expenditures based on that statement.

RECEIPTS

Alberta	$ 4,043.02	
British Columbia	5,410.00	
Manitoba	3,405.70	
Ontario	113,650.00	
Quebec	14,852.40	
Saskatchewan	2,161.85	
		$143,522.97
Individual subscriptions and refunds		5,135.74
		$148,658.71

This is an increase of $575.03 in Provincial givings, or $528.85 in total givings over the year 1935. But, viewed in the light of our estimate of $151,000, it means that Provincials are down $7,477.03 in their givings.

The disbursements for the year 1936 were $134,936.29 as compared with $150,645.84 in 1935, which makes a decrease in disbursements of $15,709.55.

The decrease in disbursements is accounted for by the fact that, because of our rather poor showing last year, the Council Executive were a little afraid to spend this year and looked everywhere for some other place to take expenditure than from estimates.

One whole quarter was omitted from the Bhil field and at the end of the year $1,500 was taken from both Bhil and Jhansi fields because of balances on the field. The salary of the nurse in Peace River was, from the time of her appointment in April, taken from the Special account, as were also the taxes on the Prince Albert Residence. The money for the health nurse for Koreans in Japan was taken from a trust fund, and $300 estimated for repairing the water tank at Canora was not used. The Council meeting cost about $500 less than the estimate, and almost every department underspent its estimate. We also had refunds of $1,000 from the Residence in Vegreville and a Government grant, etc., of $982 for the South Porcupine Hospital, which helped to offset expenses.

Thus, our good showing this year, if such it can be called, is by not spending rather than by increased giving and by a reduction in our work.

However, our givings have increased and we tender our thanks to every Treasurer of every branch of our Society. But especially do we thank Auxiliary members of all branches of our Society. They are the heart of our work and on them and on their acceptance of responsibility depends the success or failure of our missionary work.

Let us all think of our allocation not in terms of money, but in terms of human need. Let us thank God and take courage.

(Mrs. Daniel) Helen M. Strachan,
Treasurer.

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Christian Training in China

A LEADER in Christian education in China was recently welcomed to Canada in Mrs. L. H. Yui, dean of women in Cheeloo University, Shantung. A Christian of the third generation—a rare thing in China—Mrs. Yui declared that her life story explained her deep interest in mission work. It was Christian faith, she said, that changed her life and brought her forward to help her people. Her grandfather, one of the greatest Confucian scholars of the day and the first Christian in Shansi province, was a teacher in a mission school. She owed a great deal to her mother, who had also been converted to Christianity in early days. She remembered her always smiling, frequently saying to her children: ''Be good; Jesus loves good children'', and every evening having a little service with them, taking the Lord's Prayer, the twenty-third Psalm, and ''Jesus Loves Me''. But in 1900 the Boxer Rebellion put an end to their happy home life: the Boxers pulled down their house and killed Mrs. Yui's mother, grandfather, and uncle—the children had been taken away by friends. Unable to understand what had happened, the eight-year-old girl searched in vain for her mother in the ruins of their house. In a dream, however, her mother appeared, telling her to look after her sister and brother, six and four years of age, and live for her country. Realizing her responsibility, the little girl wanted an education, although at that time girls could not attend school long. In 1903 when she was eleven she was allowed to go to school. Travelling by litter, with mules to carry them across the mountains, it took them three weeks to reach Pekin, a journey now made in a day. She spent several years at a school under the Congregational Church, and then at College, graduating in 1917 from the North China Union Women's College, now Yenching University for both men and women students—in her class women students in China first wore cap and gown. She then taught for five years, for three as Principal of a High School; she had already taught four years after completing her High School course. She felt the need of more education, but there was then no University in China open to women. She told missionary friends of her desire to go to the United States to study, and in 1922 a missionary coming home on furlough arranged for her to come over, six friends making themselves responsible for the expense of her course at Oberlin College. There she worked hard, specializing in teacher training and school administration, and was granted the degrees of Bachelor of Arts at Oberlin and Master of Arts at Columbia. Returning to China, she was Principal of the Girls' High School in Taiku, until in 1929 she became dean of women in Shantung Christian University, now Cheeloo. (In 1928 she had been married). It is an international college, with one-third Western and two-thirds Chinese representation, and thirteen different denominations or societies interested in it. In 1929 forty-two girls were in attendance; now there are 229, besides nearly a hundred nurses, and over four hundred boys, from seventeen provinces all over China, medical, theological, arts, and science students.

Mrs. Yui felt there was great hope in China; a Christian spirit was being manifested as students were *giving,* not just receiving. The girls are being trained to go back to the rural communities to look after their own families, to help their own brothers and sisters. Thus graduates are doing missionary work throughout the whole interior of the country, carrying on mission training schools (162 already) and serving in government hostels. One girl who, after graduating, went to Scotland for special training in religious education, on her return desiring to go where help was most needed, went to a little health station, where there is a small school. There she teaches home-making, going by bicycle from one little village to another, and teaching women to cook and care for their homes and their families, getting them, in turn, to teach their neighbours. Another graduate, who took special training in nursing in England, goes to the women washing at the rivers, tells them Bible stories and teaches them and their children. Thus leaders are gradually being trained to help their own people, teaching them the Gospel, showing them how to live, how to prepare well-balanced meals with the material they can get,—in the interior where there are no oranges, cabbage water is used.

Finding the meals at Cheeloo at first unbalanced, Mrs. Yui talked the matter over with the girls, so that better menus were planned with more vegetables and an adequate supply of vitamins. Now the girls themselves plan the meals, each girl planning menus for two days a year, and learn to live according to their budget, to keep records and recipes, learning by doing, by the method of trial and error, Mrs. Yui said, so that they could go back to their villages to teach what they themselves have learned. Two years ago, at the time of famine, the girls said that three meals were enough for them, so that money could be saved from festivals to give to 250 needy children. A Christian student initiated the work, but all gave, the one-quarter who were non-Christians as well as the three-quarters who were Christians. They want, Mrs. Yui declared, to bring the Kingdom of God on earth; ''In the beautiful work the Heavenly Father planned, all people can cooperate''.

She expressed thanks for all that Canadian Churches and people were doing in China. One hears it said: No foreign missions until all the home mission work is done; but, Mrs. Yui asked, how long then would other countries have to wait? It is difficult for missionaries to go to a country where everything is new, but going as ambassadors of God, ready to *give,* they can overcome all difficulties. Referring to the difficulty of practising what one believed, she spoke of her feeling for the Japanese, until she came to know them better and found the Japanese country people quiet workers. She had, she said, to put her own feeling at the back, and look at and watch the Cross. Sometimes, she knew, missionaries were not welcome, but ''their Leader went the same way and with Him behind they can go forward.''

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Dr. S. M. Zwemer

NO missionary society in the world had done more for the evangelization of the Mohammedans than the British and Foreign Bible Society, declared Dr. Zwemer, for forty years engaged in mission work in the East, editor of the *Moslem World,* and Professor of Missions in Princeton Theological Seminary, in addressing the Women's Auxiliary of the Upper Canada Bible Society on the *Challenge of Moslemism.* Islam, a system anti-Christian in its origin, history, message and spirit, had met and defeated Christianity in the thirteenth century and was to-day carrying its propaganda into the midst of our cities, with a false message in which the face of Jesus was eclipsed. While the Moslems acknowledged Him as a great prophet, the chief glory of the Gospel, His incarnation and atonement, was blotted out. In taking the Gospel to Mohammedan lands, missionaries are bringing it back to those who once possessed it, reclaiming the kingdom for Christianity.

''God has been working out His purpose in the Moslem world,'' Dr. Zwemer stated; ''the glacial period is past, it is now the season when the soil can germinate the seed.'' Scientific advance, economic changes, social upheavals and intellectual movements had changed that world. Forty years ago when Dr. Zwemer went to Arabia and the first hospital was being built, two wheel-barrows imported from Bombay were the first wheeled vehicles in Arabia. Now the camel has been replaced by Ford cars. Railways, automobiles, the radio, oil companies' tankers have changed living conditions. The passing of the veil symbolized the great social changes that had brought in a new era for womanhood; a recent decree made it illegal to wear a veil on the streets of the great cities of Persia! A great intellectual upheaval was taking place: all kinds of books from every country were being read, including those of Karl Marx and Hitler. The Moslems themselves are convinced of the inadequacy of the Mohammedan law, and are discarding the old traditions. The circulation of the Bible is increasing by leaps and bounds; people are eagerly reading and listening to the Christian message. The ideals of Christ appeal to men, women and children. ''Children come to Jesus, but not to Mohammed.'' ''Islam, as it has been known,'' he concluded, ''shall be known no longer; it shall become the kingdom of Christ.''

Reality in Missions was the subject of Dr. Zwemer's address at the School of Missions. As in the eighteenth century missions were romance, in the nineteenth idealism, so in the twentieth missions are pure realism, he said. Five realist facts lay back of the missionary situation to-day.

First, the *reality of the world's need.* That never changes, Dr. Zwemer declared. The natural increase in population makes it true that in most of the great mission fields the problem of mere numbers is increasing: the population of Japan is increasing each year by 1,000,000. More people in India are ignorant of Jesus than when Carey went out; there are more unevangelized in China than there were fifty years ago. In some countries where doors were wide open they are now closing—in regard to education, accessibility and freedom of the press. All the earlier pleas for missions, he said, seem weak in comparison with the *facts* of the present. Missionaries must get back to realities and face the actual conditions under which people are living to-day. In the second place, there is the *reality of much closer relationships.* It is no longer ''far, far away in heathen darkness dwelling,'' but right at hand,—''on the front page of the newspaper.'' The peoples of the earth are close together, on the same radio, looking into one another's backyards, in the morning knowing what is happening all over the world. ''The world that is full of suffering and need is one small brotherhood.'' The third great reality is the *reality of one message,* Jesus Christ. That message is more real than ever before, as scholars are calling people back to the centre of the message—Christ—and research has proved that Christianity is a historic religion, still alive. Fourth comes the *reality of the response* to the message, never so great as at present—in area, quantity, and quality. There has been a greater response in the last hundred years than ever before, Dr. Zwemer declared. The statesmen of China are earnest Christians; the Generalissimo bows only to Jesus of Nazareth. The Jews are preaching Jesus in the synagogues as the ideal Jew, although not as the Messiah. The Mohammedans, ''weary of the old portrait of Mohammed, are repainting it with colours from the paint-box of Christianity.'' The response is seen in the mission fields and in Bible Society reports of the sales of the Gospel. The fifth reality is the *reality of God with us.* ''If we can put that to the front, we can do all.''

Dr. Zwemer closed with a plea that in missionary addresses speakers should stress the realism rather than the romanticism and the idealism of missions. The younger generation especially is tired of sham. It is a mistake, he emphasized, to camouflage the missionary message with old terms. It will always be the work of the few and the elect. ''Preach Christ until He comes. The reapers are the angels, not the mass. The harvest is the end of the world, not the annual report. In missionary programmes, in offerings, in prayers, get down to realities.''

Seed Bearing Fruit

''HOW far-reaching the results of this form of missionary service were, eternity alone will reveal.'' Thus wrote Miss Agnes Dickson in an article on ''Why Educate the Chinese?'' in the *Glad Tidings*, of April, 1932. And Rev. D. A. Smith closed his report to the General Assembly on ''Chinese Work in Canada, 1925-1935'' with a Chinese man's opinion as to the most important need in the work: ''To sow seed! Sow the seed! Sow the seed! For on the next generation depends the fate of the Christian work in China.''

When Chinese people first began to come to Canada, in teaching them English a point of contact was established which led to a field of missionary service in Canada and also in China. In the forty or fifty years since those early beginnings the Chinese in Canada have become much more numerous, with many women now and, of course, a second generation born in this country. This work which our Church and the Women's Missionary Society have been carrying on among them has proved of the greatest importance from the point of view of Canada and of China itself—quite apart from the fact that it may be said to have led to the opening of the South China Mission of our Church in 1902, in order to establish work in that part of China from which the majority of our Chinese come. Chinese not only come to Canada; many of them return to China, permanently or temporarily, and, as has been said, every Chinese returning to his own country is a potential missionary. Of recent years more and more young Chinese men and women have been definitely preparing themselves for service among their own people, especially in China. Many students, particularly, have heard the call, and have returned to make their contribution to the life of the country they or their parents left. It is exceedingly interesting to learn something of the fruits of this missionary effort, and Miss Dickson and Rev. D. A. Smith have very kindly given us recent information about some of these Canadian-trained Chinese students who are at present filling important posts in China and thus exerting a very fine influence upon the people there.

Nine of these belonged to the Chinese Sunday School at Cooke's Church, Toronto: Mr. Mark, a civil engineer; Miss Agnes Mark, in Occupational Therapy work with the Red Cross in Shanghai; Miss Jean Mark, formerly engaged in Physical Education in Souchow, now a stenographer in the Hong Kong customs; Mr. Peter Wong, a journalist; Miss Fannie Lee, in the Physical Education department of the Y.W.C.A. at Hong Kong; Miss Annie Leung, formerly a nurse in a mission hospital at Souchow, now married and in her own home; Mr. Lang Wong, M.A., now on the staff of Ling Nan University in Canton, a member of the Church of Christ in China and active in the Christian work of the University, "a very fine type"; Miss Fay Wong, B.A., his sister, an honour graduate in Mathematics and Physics of the University of Toronto, a teacher in Pooi Ching Middle School in Canton; Dr. George Lee, a graduate in medicine of the University of Toronto, a doctor in Hong Kong, and assistant to Dr. Edward Kirk, formerly of the New Zealand Presbyterian Mission.

A group of students and others taken in front of Mrs. Hui's house at Ling Nan University.

Among those who have gone from Montreal are: Mr. Gordon Jue, a Christian of the second generation, a graduate in civil engineering of McGill University, returning to China in 1934 and now employed in railroad construction at Nan Chang in Central China; Miss Rose Wong, a graduate of the University of Rochester Nursing School, Superintend-

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ent of Nurses in the Government Military College for Nurses in Canton; Miss Jessie Wong, her sister, a graduate of the Montreal High School of Commerce, a member of Miss Dickson's Bible Class in Montreal; Miss Daisy Woo, from Knox Crescent Church, Montreal, a 1935 graduate of McGill University, on the teaching staff of St. Paul's Girls' College in Hong Kong, a church member since returning to China; Miss Pearl Wu, a member of the Church in Montreal, a 1935 graduate of McGill University, now wife of Mr. C. Y. Hui, Dean of Ling Nan University, Canton, lecturing on Chinese culture. Vancouver, too, has sent many back to work among their own people in China: Dr. Fred Poon, dentist, lecturing in Nanking University; Mr. Ng Woo, electrician in Hong Kong; Rev. John On, Kwangtung; Rev. L. C. Chan, Canton; Mr. Chan Mei Hon, merchant, doing remarkable work as lay preacher in villages of native country; Miss Ming Lee, formerly nurse in North China, now a doctor's wife. Miss Agnes Chan, who is the head of a training school for nurses in South China; Dr. Victoria Cheung, head of the Marian Barclay Hospital for Women; Dr. B. Y. Kung, of South China; and Dr. David Lee, formerly a doctor in Canton, now doing post-graduate work in Montreal, lived in Victoria, British Columbia.

We know, too, of several who have gone to China from other places, among them: Mr. K. P. Mark, a journalist, in the Chinese Foreign Office, and Mr. Robert Yee, an aviation instructor in South China, both from Saskatoon; Dr. Peter Ma, in Shanghai, Dr. George Ma, a druggist in Canton, Mr. Andrew Ma, M.Sc., connected with railways in China, all of Winnipeg; Mr. Wing Chew, a medical student in Canton, from Windsor. Besides these, Mr. Smith refers to Judge Peter Hing Ng of Canton (M.A. from McGill), a son of our first Chinese missionary to Canada, Rev. Ng Mon Hing.

Spring

Spring bursts to-day,
For Christ is risen, and all the world's at play.
Flash forth, thou Sun.
The rain is over and gone, its work is done.
Winter is past.
Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.
Break forth this morn
In roses, though but yesterday a thorn.
Uplift thy head,
O pure white Lily through the Winter dead.
Beside your dams
Leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs.
All Herds and Flocks
Rejoice, All Beasts of thickets and of rocks.
Sing, Creatures, sing,
Angels and Men and Birds and everything.

—*Christina G. Rossetti.*

Greetings from the Fields

"THE fifteenth anniversary of the Canadian School of Missions was recognized by a dinner meeting attended by present and former members of the Council of the School. Addresses were given by representatives of the co-operating Mission Boards and by Bishop W. C. White, of Honan, and Mrs. George P. Bryce, of India. Mrs. Bryce concluded her remarks with the reading of a poem which she had composed as representing the thought of the School's large missionary family around the world."

This is the House of Friendship.
Here we come from the ends of the earth.
We have been aliens, strangers there, until we built ourselves in by love.
We come back to our country, and lo! we are foreign here, too,
But in the House of Friendship we are at home.

This is the House of Cheer.
Here there are glowing colours, firelight, books.
Here is the kindly ministry of Tea.
Here there is healing laughter.
And here our spirits, rather dusty,
A little frayed, a little weary, too,
Find a new birth, a springtime of the soul.

This is the House of Dreams.
Here there are folk who hear strange sounds in our Canadian city—
Camel bells along the roads that wind over the passes into Thibet,
The blind flute-player under the clouds of cherry blossoms,
Drums in the darkness of an African night.
Their eyes see, far away, golden babies playing in the sunlight,
Peacocks flying across the sunset.
They smell hot dust, cassia and sandalwood, roses, incense, and little smoky fires.

This is the House of Adventure.
Youth comes here with eyes alight:
High-hearted Youth, whose lives are outward bound.
We mariners with salty lips, and garments stained with weather,
We look on them and love them, Argonauts of to-day.
Their mentor's voice is ringing in their ears,
They long to be away and out at sea,
The glory of the far horizon lures them on.

This is the House of Peace.
Men and women who have given golden years
Come here to share the news of toil and joy;
They are wise, with a wisdom that we do not share.
There is a quiet glow upon their faces
Because of the beautiful things they know.
They have high purpose, valiant hearts that still
Plead for the folk they love.
"The world is ripened in the stillness of God's saints."

This is the House of Vision.
Quiet, sometimes, to catch the overtones,
Sometimes to hear a trumpet, clarion clear,
Sometimes to look steadily at a little path that winds up hill,
Sometimes to see a Garden of Olive Trees,
And sometimes to climb the Delectable Mountains
And see across the Valley the City of God,
The Abiding House of Friendship and Cheer,
Where all fair dreams come true.

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The Hungarian Canadians

WE are grateful to Rev. Frank Kovacs for a copy of the *Figyelo,* or *Hungarian Observer,* the paper he has edited for the Hungarians, partly in Hungarian and partly in English. An article on *Home Mission Problems in Transylvania,* which was reprinted in the February *Presbyterian Record,* discussed the religious situation referred to by Mr. Kovacs at the Council Executive meeting. An article in Hungarian deals, we conclude, with the life and work of Dr. Goforth. From an address given at the Y.W.C.A. in Calgary by Rev. Bela Bucsin, of the Hungarian congregation in Leduc, Alberta, which is published in this same number, we would quote some paragraphs. Mr. Bucsin's subject was: ''What Problems should Canadian People Overcome to make a Worth-while Contribution to Peace from a Foreign Point of View?''

''First of all, we ourselves as individuals may make a contribution to peace within the small circle where we live. We must apply the rule of self-restraint in our own lives before we can preach peace to others. We must not give cause for resentment or revenge by harbouring or giving way to hate and applying the 'elbow-method' of individual advance, or using brutal means to do away with our competitors in our daily lives.

''Then we must educate our children to thoughts and ways of peace. I find that in our Canadian public schools, which by the way are admirable in many respects, it is impossible or is seldom even attempted to eradicate the spirit of war. This may sound bombastic as it is said. But if we consider that the rule among boys is to apply the fist in any argument, to call the boy who applies self-restraint a coward, then the brutal way of 'taking new fellows into their friendships' among 'intelligent' college boys (I mean initiations), we can readily admit that there is a great need of peace-education.

''There is a great deal to be done toward public peace by persons responsible for publications. I have watched a certain Canadian weekly magazine. Week by week, month by month, dozens of stories in each issue are published with prominent illustrations, representing usually the climax or at least some attractive features of the story. I confess I have not read all the trash through. But what I wish to say is this, that in 75 out of a 100 if it was not a war-scene, it was hunting beasts somewhere in the jungle, the animal jumping over a human (or the human jumping over the animal) or a 'domestic' (but not domesticated) scene with a cowboy or 'gentleman' in evening clothes 'socking someone in the jaw'. . . . I ask: Is life as brutal as all that? I might say it quite frankly that we foreign-born have ever to fight against this brutalizing influence under which our children and young people come in the new world.

''Then we must adjust our attitudes—and practices—toward others. This could and should be done right at home. It is remarkable what certain movements or individual acts of goodwill can accomplish in dispelling the clouds of misunderstanding and distrust and ignorance between various races, as the Council of Friendship, which has actually sweetened the atmosphere between native and foreign-born Canadians in various centres of Canada. I may also say that in a great many cases the fine press of the country has co-operated to the limit of its ability in this work! And if they were told, for instance, that foreign-born people resented the fact that in any case of criminality the individual was cited in the paper as a member of a certain race, while Britishers were cited simply by their names, they stopped the practice and put Britishers and foreign on the same level. The result was better feeling—and incidentally more subscribers.

''We should at all times denounce evil wherever seen and praise virtue wherever seen. We should judge others, whether of our own race or of foreign birth, by how far they are willing to identify themselves with everything that is right. To-day the forces of evil are insidiously undermining the very foundations of our whole Christian civilization. . . . We need not borrow ideals and methods from the godless. We must go back and remain with the spirit of Christ. It is sufficient for individual and national conduct. . . .

''I trust that you believe that our new Canadians of Hungarian birth are identifying themselves with your highest ideals and work together with you for internal and external peace!''

We have never ceased to marvel that Jesus in His infinite wisdom committed such a sacred trust as the carrying of the Message of Salvation to the ends of the earth to frail, faltering humanity. But *He did*—made His followers responsible for a task that can only be accomplished as we accept the commission and depend on Him for wisdom and strength and power for its accomplishment. These Jesus has promised without measure. Each is responsible for the talents, abilities, and opportunities accorded him. No one is free from the obligation to serve. We are all stewards; dare we fail Him? —*Evangelical Missionary World.*

Prayer

OUR Father in Heaven, as we come into Thy presence we desire to thank Thee for Thy goodness and love manifested to us in so many ways. We acknowledge that all we have comes from Thee. Thou hast provided not only for our temporal needs, but for our spiritual needs as well. We cannot thank Thee enough for the gift of Thine only Son, who came willingly into this world to take the penalty for our sin. May we not withhold our best from Thee, but may we give ourselves, our talents, our time, and our means in making Thy love and grace known to those who have never yet heard of the ransom paid for their deliverance and the inheritance which is theirs in Christ Jesus. Our hearts bleed for those who are daily passing out into eternity without any hope for the life that lies beyond. Forgive us, Lord, for our selfishness and indifference. May something of the great sacrificial love of our Saviour be found in us, inspiring us to new zeal.

Lord, we beseech Thee not to let the work suffer for lack of funds. Wilt Thou lay it upon all our hearts to be faithful in prayer, even if we have not much to give, knowing that our God will supply all our need if we ask Him. The silver and the gold are Thine, and we pray Thee that in ways unknown to us the present needs may be met and the work extended.

We pray Thee to thrust out more labourers into the harvest fields. The need was never so great before and so many doors open. Perhaps some of us will be called on to give our children as ambassadors for Thee. May we give them gladly to Thy blessed service.

Bless all our workers both at home and in foreign lands. Bring honour to Thy name and to the Word by using them for saving many precious souls. May the blessed Holy Spirit dwell richly in each one of us, that we may bring forth fruit to Thy praise.

In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Like snowflakes, or like petals of sweet flowers
In shining showers from heaven,
My Father's promises to my full heart
This Easter morn are given.
—*Miyoshi San, Leper poet.*

Jewish Mothers' Christmas Party

THE rooms of the Mission were gay with the usual Christmas decorations hung by the willing hands of bright Jewish girls, as we met for our Mothers' Christmas Party at 307 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto. Our meetings are always characterized by a happy spirit, but this one seemed happiest of all, the outcome, we believe, of patient labour amongst these women, carried on in Christ's name.

Our missionary, Miss McArthur, presided. There were thirty-one mothers present and a number of small children. As they sang very sweetly the Christmas carols we all love: ''Hark the Herald Angels Sing'', ''Oh, Come All Ye Faithful'', ''While Shepherds Watched'', we were wishing some of our Church friends were there to hear them. A Christmas play, ''Beneath His Star'', was presented by a group of Jewish teen-age girls, members of our Queen Esther Club. The girls had practised their parts faithfully and we were quite proud of them as they appeared in their costumes, gay with bright scarves and strings of beads. They began with us in the Sunday School and have remained faithful in attendance there, as well as in their Club and in the Sunday evening gatherings for juniors. One of these girls sought and found the Lord three years ago, and has kept true, suffering persecution for His sake, while the others seem not far from the Kingdom.

The play itself was pleasing, and the message it conveyed well adapted to a Jewish audience, as the following outline indicates. Anna, a Jewish girl of Bethlehem, will not receive the story of Jesus or visit the Holy Child. She is so angered by the insistent pleading of her brother and sister that she will not speak to them. After the visit of the Magi she is standing by the roadside when the Holy Family pass by on their flight into Egypt. A starry gleam seems to light the child's countenance, and she sees and knows He is the Christ. Believing in His divinity, she becomes a changed person and leads the other young people to pledge their lives to service in His Kingdom. The girls presented it well, possessing as they do the emotional nature and dramatic gifts characteristic of their race. They were rewarded by rapt attention on the part of those present and the absence of clapping at the close, which we regarded as an indication that the message of the little act had gone home to their hearts.

Following the play, Miss McArthur and two of the teachers gave brief addresses, reminding them all once more of the necessity of accepting Jesus as the true Messiah. Cake and tea were served, the girls helping happily, and every one seemed possessed of the Christmas spirit of peace and goodwill. Finally the gifts were distributed, each mother and child being remembered. Miss Findlay, a teacher, made the presentations in a most gracious manner. Two mothers who had not missed a meeting for a year received special mention. Several others were absent only a few times and for good reasons. A very nice leather purse was given to Miss McArthur by the women as an expression of appreciation. It was a loving act, requiring self-sacrifice on the part of those who gave it, and was the crowning moment of a very happy gathering.

Will not you who read this take the Jewish work upon your heart in prayer? These mothers and girls know the way of salvation; verily it may be said of some that they love the Gospel sound. It is unto them ''as a very lovely song, of one that hath a pleasant voice . . . . . for they hear thy words, but they do them not.'' The work is very difficult. For fear of their own people they will not receive the Saviour. Pray for these girls that they may not wander back into Judaism, and for both girls and mothers that they may accept Christ ere it is too late.

—*M. McMillan.*

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What To Read

BY MARGARET NESS

Since 1761. This new coronation-red Study Book for Girls' Organizations is written by Dr. Kannawin. Although it is the Study Book for girls' groups, it has been planned for a wider audience as well, as the contents indicate: The Church, Protestant, Presbyterian, Our Church Standards, Government of the Church, Founders of the Church, Missionary Work, Foreigners in Canada, Educational Institutions, Women's Missionary Society, Youth and the Church. Everyone should have a copy. Price 35 cents.

Shaping the Future. Basil Mathews is always popular and this new book is no exception. Price 75 cents.

Vagabond Wong. An excellent story of the experiences of a Chinese boy and his English companion following one of the many floods in China. Suitable for boys from 8 to 13. Price 40 cents.

The Secret of the Abiding Presence, by Andrew Murray. This little booklet, now selling for 15 cents, has been enjoying a wide sale at the annual meetings.

How I Know God Answers Prayer. This ever popular book by Mrs. Goforth has now been raised in price so that we are obliged to charge $1.25 a copy.

So great has been the demand for the leaflets suggested as supplementary material in Miss Lamont's outline of a study for Senior groups (January 1937 *Glad Tidings*) that our stock of ''Our Indian Work at Birtle'' is now exhausted. As the leaflet is quite old, having been reprinted from the December 1928 *Glad Tidings,* we are not reprinting it.

However, for those interested in the Indian Missions, we have in stock about 100 old Study Books called *Council Fires,* dealing with Indian life and customs, and with our missionary work in the Reserves up to the date of publication, 1931. We are selling these for 10 cents.

EASTER PLAYS

Seniors:

We Just Didn't Know, by Mrs. W. D. Turner of Winchester, Ontario. This new play, while written for Easter presentation, can be used for any occasion and has already been successfully produced. Mimeographed copies, 20 cents each.

Through Darkness to Light, a pageant in four scenes. Price 20 cents.

For He Had Great Possessions, a play for 5 men, 4 women and one child. (Cannot be sent on approval). Price 35 cents.

Juniors and Intermediates:

He is Risen, a programme with music. Well recommended. Price 15 cents.

Easter in Other Lands, a programme. Price 15 cents.

Why Didn't You Tell? A play which includes flowers, bunnies, robins and foreign children. Price 20 cents.

Standard Easter Book, contains the pageant ''Through Darkness to Light'', the service ''The Risen Christ'', as well as poems, songs and playlets. Price 35 cents.

Boy Who Discovered Easter, a 40-minute play that has been popular for some time. (Royalty). (Cannot be sent on approval). Price 40 cents.

Christ's Cross

Along a dusty, eastern road
Our Saviour toiled long years ago;
And on His shoulders lay a Cross,
The weight of human sin and woe.

Men in their blindness took their Lord
And cruelly nailed Him to a Tree;
Yet in that suffering Figure there,
God's Fatherhood revealed we see.

In that sad day's satanic work,
Behold we sin in darkest guise,
Meet with all-perfect Love Divine
That shone within the Saviour's eyes.

O let us pray for Christ-like hearts,
Lest we, too, cause Him bitter pain;
For these same sins that pierced Him then
Can crucify our Lord again!

—Ethel T. Arnot, in *Young Scotland.*

WHY SUPPORT CHRISTIAN MISSIONS?

Because I am a Christian, a member of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Our Lord established the Church on earth to evangelize the world. If I do not work towards the purpose for which the Body was made, I have no right to membership in it.

Because as a representative of Christ my love must embrace all nations, all types of men as His does; my sympathy must have bounds as wide as His.

Because in these days civilization is reaching to the outposts of the world and changing the lives of even the most primitive races. Civilization emanates primarily from the white races of which I am a member. It brings disease and death and an overturning of age-long beliefs, and can only be a blessing to the world in so far as its power is used in the name of Christ.

Because every nation has a special gift to bring to the Church of God, and until all have made their contribution, the Church can never reach the fullness of its life.

HOW SUPPORT MISSIONS?

1. *Consider the call to personal service abroad.* I have no right to send others unless I myself am ready to go, if God demands this of me.

2. *Pray for missions.* My prayer must be intelligent and regular. I must pray not only for the world, but for individual missionaries and their work, and my prayer must be offered in certain expectation of a definite answer.

3. *Give to missions.* Money is a sacrament, inasmuch as the use of it is the expression of those things we believe to be most worth having. I must compare my personal expenditure with my gifts to God. I must compare my own circumstances with the needs of others. I must compare the help, sympathy, and skill that I can claim with the loneliness and suffering of others.

4. *Study and learn.* There can be no real prayer without knowledge, for without knowledge of the magnitude and glory of the work there can be no intelligent desire for its progress; and prayer, to be effective, must be the outcome of intense desire.

5. *Interest others.* Therefore, I will ask God to cast out from me the dumb devil of false pride and false reserve and try by my own enthusiasm and willing sacrifice to win others to help in evangelizing the world.—*From the Presbyterian Mission House, 16 Falkner Street, Liverpool, England.*

OUR LETTER BOX

Wanham, Alberta.

THIS past month was spent in preparation for Christmas Trees (as well as the regular work). We were glad we had some gifts left from last year for our first ''Tree'' had to be on the 18th and very few things had come in then. However, while we were in the midst of the programme, some one came to say there was some freight for me—eight large bales—so that there was no shortage after that and you can imagine the state of the house, as they were opened, sorted and put away.

About 150 attended our ''Tree'' here. Many could not get seats. We need a bigger church for the Christmas Tree. It is sad, though, to think we do not have the same crowd every Sunday. However, we hope the seed sown through the children's carols and recitations may lead some one to the Saviour. Attendance prizes were given out and then Santa appeared to give out the gifts sent up by those who love the Lord, for we do try to make them understand just why these gifts come in. Candies and an orange were given to each child and home they went quite happy.

Saturday we were busy all day with the bales. Sunday we had Christmas services morning and evening in Wanham and in Prestville in the afternoon. It was my turn to go to Blueberry Mountain that Sunday, but having so many Christmas Trees I couldn't go. They decided they'd carry on themselves and have a musical service.

Monday I left at 9 a.m. for Fox Creek. The roads were good so that Punch and Brownie and the new red cutter (some one called it ''The Bearer of Good News'') made the trip in three hours. Mrs. Gick, an elderly Anglican lady with whom we stay, was glad to see us. After lunch we had a practice with the children and in the evening the school was crowded. After the programme there was the usual excitement over the gifts and every one was pleased. Other years they have had very little, but ''thanks to our Church,'' as Mrs. Gick said, the poor little children were given a good treat.

Tuesday we left Fox Creek, and stopped on the way home at Belloy for their ''Tree''. I had taken down enough gifts for their children; the women made them up, collected money for fruit and candy, and the teacher had got up the programme, so that I had nothing to do except say a few words at the close. But again one and all were grateful for our interest in them and showed their appreciation by giving me a box of ''hankies''. It was about midnight when we got home.

Next day we left for Heart Valley. It was a cold day and there were just about 50 children and adults; however, all had a good time playing games and after supper and their programme Santa appeared. He had a word for each and gave out the gifts. Then I had to open a large box and in it was a lovely purse. He wanted me to know that it was not only the church people, but the people of the district who appreciated what was being done for their children in Sunday School and Mission Band who had given towards it. I mention this just to show that people do appreciate what the Church is doing for them.

Wednesday we drove to Westvale and there 25 adults and children had an enjoyable time.

On Christmas Day, we had a short service, but as it was mail day and the Post Office only open till noon not many came out; however, those who did enjoyed it.

The 28th saw our last "Tree" at Prestville and there we had a very nice evening. One of our teachers prepared a very good programme. Three prizes for attendance were given out and then the gifts from the Tree. I was given a table cover from the women and an aluminum kettle from the Mission Band, so if you ever come to visit me you may have a good cup of tea.

—M. Grigor.

Haifa, Palestine.

ONE looks back upon the year that has gone, with mingled feelings of joy and sadness. Joy at witnessing to the goodness and loving care of the Heavenly Father. Sadness at the events which have taken place in the land. But, through all the difficult days, there was a consciousness of His care, and in no way has He allowed the work here in Haifa to suffer.

Situated as we are on the slopes of Mount Carmel, we look across the Bay of Haifa to the Hills of Galilee. We have watched during the past years the stream of Jewish immigrants, from all parts of the world, enter and disperse through the Land of Palestine.

The material effects produced by this stream fill our landscape. The sandy beach which skirts the bay glistens white at night, with a flood-lit electric power station. The sandy dunes of yesterday twinkle with the lights of a working men's suburb.

In this stream there have been men and women of varying cultures, characters and convictions. Some have been brought by a high idealism, others by a hope of gain, but many have been drawn by the hope of a home. Driven forth from the place of their birth, they have sought a home in the birth-place of their fathers. But during the past months, this right of entry has been bitterly contested. The very right of the Jew to have a home has been hotly denied. However, this door of entry for the Jew, the Port of Haifa, has not been closed, even for one day, in spite of bomb and arson. Stress and strain have only consolidated the people, sobered them, disciplined them. Terrorism has not broken them; it has moulded them.

Now, though the British Military forces can effectively ensure law and order, we believe that there is a particular need at this time for prayer and intercession on behalf of Israel.

1. That the door of their homeland may not be closed against them.

2. That their eyes may be opened to behold Him, Whom they have pierced.

—B. D. Rohold.

A group of mothers with some of the babies born in the Louise Henderson Maternity Ward, Jobat.

Jobat, India.

THE past weeks have been very busy. . . Immediately after the Council Miss Sherrick and I went off to attend the meetings of the Mid-India Representative Christian Council. They were fine. I did enjoy meeting other missionaries from different parts of Mid-India. There were separate meetings of those interested in the three phases of missionary work—evangelistic, medical, and educational. Each day there was at least one joint meeting. Dr. John Mott spoke at two or three of these meetings. He surely is a commanding figure. A daughter is married to an Anglo-Indian Judge of the High Court in Nagpur, so he and Mrs. Mott were visiting her. Bishop Pickett also addressed one meeting. . . . He is quite a prominent man in India because of his survey work in regard to Christian Mass Movements.

. . . On my return I was free to come out to camp and expect to remain here until a few days before Christmas. The McDonalds and I are together. Each day we spend the morning in visiting the homes nearby. In the afternoon Mr. McDonald has a class with the workers, and I have a siege of giving out medicine. For a couple of hours in the evening people gather around a fire by the tents to listen to singing and preaching. It is a picture which you would like, I'm sure. The people come along in groups of from two or three to eight and ten. They stand and look about for a minute or two. Then they wrap their chaddars around their bodies and squat in the fireside circle. Quite an interest has been shown in the meetings we've had. I always think of how fine it would be if such groups would accept Christ and establish a church in different sections of this Bhil country. We look for such a day.

—*Bessie MacMurchy.*

Tamsui, Formosa, Japan.

ROMANCE dipped a wing in our direction last month when Miss Kaufman from the Y.W.C.A. in Tokyo passed through Formosa on her way to a Conference in India. On her way back, she told of her flight by air from Siam to Calcutta, 1,200 miles in a day and a half, a trip that would have taken 10 days by boat. Think of the romance of the flight over even a bit of Asia,—over jungles, impenetrable forests, turbulent with life, yet seemingly sleeping under the tropical sun, lazy rivers never seen, long stretches of blue sea topped with white breakers, —flying *over* a world still comparatively unconquered by man!

In the meantime we go on tilling our wee little garden in Formosa, —you remember in the Bible where it says, ''The field is the world, the reapers are the angels, and the harvest is the end of the world,''— well, we hope that when the reapers come, they shall find a harvest here. . .

Since I last wrote you, we have had a Preachers' Wives' Conference, an account of which I sent. I just want to add that during it, with great delight, I originated for myself a new definition of poise,—''Poise is the sense of not being disturbed when sixty people come into your house for meals three times a day!''

There is so much that I want to tell you about Formosa. . . . Here are so many of the scenes found in the Bible, the fishermen with their nets, the women grinding at the mill, and so on—when one is in the country, it is as if Christ might have been here yesterday, or else that time has stood still from His time until now. And yet I cannot but wonder at the children born with sad eyes, as if the sorrow of generations without number pressed upon them even at birth, and at the look often seen at home, and sometimes even among the peasant women here, that wise, weary, yet sad look of those who know the world too well.

And sometimes when I am in the rice-fields, I have been struck with the beauty of it all, the mountains round about, purple-shadowed, slumbering in the mid-day sun, the green lushness of the fields, the blueness of the sky,—it is hard to tell about it but it grips you as if it were too much to bear. And then I wonder about the people who have gazed on all this beauty during the generations that this land has stood, and how strange it is that they have not learned beauty from nature itself and have not tried to translate some little part of it into their homes. Little mud-brick houses with dirt floors, with the pig-pen attached and unimaginable filth,—even the animals and birds live in much cleaner surroundings. I must say that the people issuing from such houses come forth surprisingly neat and clean, but still they do not change their homes, and seem content to live there. Then I look at their tiny rice-fields, furrowed with patience and painstaking neatness, and wonder still more,—why is it not in their homes? . . .

We have in our Church in the North a fine group of well-educated, spiritually-minded young people now who are leaders already. When we work with them, it is thrilling, challenging, for they call for our best, and we realize keenly that the greatest tragedy would be that we should fail them spiritually. But there are other times when one is thrown with groups so uncouth, rough and uneducated that one's heart is filled with dread and questioning. . . And while one can drink deep of beauty from nature here, you seldom find it elsewhere, except in a mother's face. Somehow the young mothers have a look curiously like the Madonna, of purity and sweetness, and infinite gentleness and love.

. . . . .

We have just had the happiest Christmas in our history. The children were well over their operation, and so we were all well. I found a Christmas tree planted in our back garden, which I brought in and trimmed with Christmas decorations carefully salvaged from other years. On Christmas morning at four-thirty, the children awoke and lay there in joyous whispering anticipation of their toys, and I lay awake too—in quaking fear that they would be disappointed. I did not want them to have too many toys—I thought they were thinking far too much of the "getting" part of Christmas instead of "giving" even for their young years. So I had made their Christmas simple, and presents few. . . I had used a milk box (we get our canned milk in cases here) with ends built up and rockers put on as a cradle for Sister's dolls, which painted with white enamel and gold looked very presentable. And a big packing case I had had torn apart and made into a kitchen cupboard for her dishes, while for Ronny I had a box made with a boy's real carpenter's tools inside. Fortunately, a few packages had come in from a couple of the community people, . . . and the children were not disappointed, but were happy and content with what they had, and I am sure they will take much better care of what they have than if they had had too many.

—(Mrs. James) Lillian R. Dickson.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

THIS EASTER DAY

Across the windy slopes sweet bells were ringing;
A skylark song came downward, clear and gay,
And my full heart broke forth in joy and singing,
This Easter Day.

My risen Lord, I felt Thy strong protection.
I saw Thee stand among the graves to-day;
''I am the way, the life, the resurrection,''
I heard Thee say.

And all my burdens I had carried sadly
Grew light as blossoms on an April spray;
My cross became a staff; I journeyed gladly
This Easter Day.

—Selected.

HELPS FOR THE DEVOTIONAL PERIOD

NO programme can be planned that will assure success without the loyal support of each member. No meeting is well planned without a devotional period that shows the result of thought and time spent in its preparation. Thoughtful consideration of the purpose of our Society, ''to unite . . . . in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ'', will result in a realization that emphasis should be placed on three things—prayer, service, and study.

The theme for the worship period should be closely related to the study period, and an effort should be made to have every member take part in this part of the programme. A group in which only a few members take part in the worship service has failed in impressing the members with the thought of the importance of this part of the programme in our missionary task.

To help make the devotional period a more vital part of the meeting, we would suggest the use of the following booklets.

Nine Parables of Our Lord, price 25 cents. This booklet was prepared by the Bible Study Committee of the Religious Education Council of Canada and has been used with much success by a number of young women's groups. A theme is given and a passage of Scripture is suggested, followed by an explanation of the parable. ''Adventure on the Highway'' is one of the themes and the following extract from H. V. Morton's book, **In the Steps of the Master**, is used: ''It was not difficult to understand why the road from Jerusalem to Jericho has always been the haunt of bandits. It is a road whose serpentine bends and overhanging cliffs might have been designed for highway robbery.''

The Secret of Intercession, price 15 cents. This booklet written by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Murray seeks to point out what place intercession has in God's plan for the extension of His Kingdom. It was issued with the hope and prayer that it be used to foster that spirit of devotion and prayer which is so essential to the Christian life. A theme is given, a verse of Scripture quoted and followed by a short explanation of the text.

We quote briefly from the explanation of the text—''The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into His harvest''. ''The disciples understood very little of what these words meant. Christ gave them as a seed-thought, to be lodged in their hearts for later use. At Pentecost, as they saw how many of the new converts were ready in the power of the Spirit to testify for Christ, they must have felt how the ten days of continuous united prayer had brought this blessing, too, as the fruit of the Spirit's power—labourers in the harvest.''

STUDY CHARTS

The Study Charts advertised on this page in the January issue were prepared by Miss L. K. Pelton for use in Young Women's groups. They were planned following discussion with the young women as to what type of study material would best meet their needs. The supply of these study charts is limited to the number required to fill the requests of Young Women's groups. Because of these two facts: that the study charts were prepared in answer to definite suggestions from Young Women's groups and that the supply is limited, it was decided that they would not be made available for other groups. We would, therefore, ask Senior Auxiliaries to kindly refrain from ordering these charts.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

HIS GIFT AND MINE

Over against the treasury,
He sits Who gave Himself for me.
He sees the coppers that I give
Who gave His life that I might live.
He sees the silver I withhold
Who left for me His throne of gold,
Who found a manger for His bed,
Who had nowhere to lay His head,
He sees the gold I clasp so tight,
And I am debtor in His sight.

—*Edith B. Gurley.*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

LAST month we spoke of giving and the joy of giving; this month we will tell you of a field wherein our givings may help to spread the Gospel in the sparsely settled outposts of our own land. If you will turn to pages 64-65 of the February *Glad Tidings* you will find letters from Miss Frieda Matthews and Miss Hazel Macdonald, our missionaries in Western Canada, Miss Matthews in Shaughnessy, Alberta, and Miss Macdonald of Red Deer, Alberta. The letters are interesting, and the work is mostly among women and children, and, therefore, is a fitting field in which our girls could take a lively interest.

I have been granted permission by the Council Executive to ask our girls to contribute the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to this work, and I feel that we have been given an honour and a privilege in being allowed to so help our work in the West. I am convinced that having a definite field in which we are interested, the facts and story of which we can bring home to our girls, we shall have no difficulty in raising this sum. The money will be sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer in the usual way, but ear-marked for *our* work. A small contribution from each girl will enable us to raise our full amount, and I should like to think that we could secure this money by personal sacrifice. Can we do without something that we should like but do not really need? A show, a chocolate bar or a soda? Something which will represent a personal sacrifice and gift and so make the giving precious and more helpful to ourselves?

Easter will be with us this month. We remember with joy the Resurrection of our Lord. But we are too apt to forget that without the sacrifice of Calvary there would have been no Resurrection. The

Crucifixion is the ultimate in sacrifice, the Resurrection the triumph of the sacrificial spirit. Without sacrifice life never attains to completeness or even fullness, and the spirit of Jesus should be the spirit of His followers.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

PREMA'S EASTER DAY

PREMA went to her favourite corner in the shadow of the wall when the other girls went to play, for early that morning Missi-Anna, the missionary teacher, had shown her a letter. Prema's father had written to say that her Granny was dead. So Prema sat looking at the other children at play, not wanting at all to play, feeling very miserable.

Missi-Anna passed by just then; she called to Prema, ''Don't you want to play?'' Prema lifted her head. ''No, thank you,'' she said in a choky kind of whisper.

Missi-Anna walked quickly across to Prema. ''Come and talk to me about your Granny'', she said. ''You love her very much, don't you?'' Two big tears fell down Prema's cheeks. ''Yes, but Granny isn't here any longer, so now I *can't* love her.''

''Tell me about her, dear. Did you tell her about school, the lessons you learned, and the games you played?''

Prema nodded. ''She *loved* the little bag I embroidered for her in needlework class. She kept her treasures in it. And I used to read to her. She knew lots of stories.''

Missi-Anna laughed. ''I think your Granny must be just a delightful Granny.''

Prema looked up. Her face was sorrowful once more. ''You talk as though Granny is still here, but she *isn't.*''

''Her body is not here, for it was very tired, so the Father God has taken her to rest,'' answered Missi-Anna. ''But the *real* Granny, who loved your little bag, who told you wonderful stories, isn't dead. She is alive for always.''

''She's gone away from me,'' Prema sighed, ''and I do want her so much.''

''When did you see Granny and talk to her?'' asked Missi-Anna.

''Why, in the holidays, of course,'' answered Prema. ''Granny lived in our home, like all Grannies do in India.''

''So when you were at school you couldn't see her?''

''But I knew she was there, at home,'' said Prema.

"Yes, you knew she was there, rather a long way from school where *you* were. Now that Granny has left her tired body, she is much nearer to you all the time."

"Where is she?" asked Prema, opening her eyes very wide.

"She is in your heart," said Missi-Anna softly. "You carry her with you always, because you love her so much."

"Oh!" Prema smiled and all her dimples showed. "Really and truly, is Granny so near?" Missi-Anna nodded. Then she said, "You know the story of Easter, don't you? Mary and the other friends of Jesus went to the garden where the body of Jesus lay. You know how sad they were."

"They cried, I expect," said Prema, "and they didn't want to talk or play. Same as me," she added. "Then the angels told them Jesus was alive and well."

"But they didn't understand," Missi-Anna said.

"Mary just went *on* crying," said Prema, "and then she heard Jesus call her, and she didn't cry any more. She ran fast and told the other friends."

"Yes, after that day all the friends of Jesus carried Him in their hearts. 'I am with you alway,' Jesus told them."

"Missi-Anna, I'm not going to cry about Granny any more," said Prema. "I'll always keep her just here," and she put a brown hand under a fold of her sari. "*Oh, Missi-Anna,* isn't it lovely that Granny has an Easter, too!"

—*Mary Entwistle.*

(Condensed from *Morning Rays*)

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST., S.W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—The annual meeting of Calgary Presbyterial was held in Grace Church, Calgary, on January 20th. Mrs. T. A. Rodger presided at all sessions.

The previous evening an impressive preparatory prayer service was held in Knox Church, with twenty-two women taking part in the service. Talks and prayers were offered for all our missionaries and workers, both at home and overseas, and an hour of deep consecration was spent. Rev. John Hart, pastor of North Hill Church, gave a helpful address on ''Thy Kingdom Come''.

On the 20th three sessions were held and, judging by the large attendance at all sessions and the splendid reports given by the various Secretaries, a deeper interest is being taken in our missionary work. It was especially gratifying to find so many of the younger women and girls taking part. The treasurer's report was received with much joy, as it intimated our Presbyterial had exceeded its allocation by $195.00. Another outstanding report was given by the Supply Secretary. Our supply allocation had been exceeded and many pounds of good used clothing, Christmas gifts, candy, and children's knitted goods were sent north to the School Residences and to deaconesses.

A very interesting speaker in the afternoon was Miss Mary Reese of the world-wide evangelization crusade, who is at present home on furlough from Central Africa. She chose as her subject ''Soldiers'', and in an inspiring manner told of her work in darkest Africa, challenging her listeners to come out boldly as soldiers of the Lord.

Mrs. T. A. Rodger, speaking on ''Service'', stressed the fact that, although many people felt incapable of doing things for other people, the only way to improve talent is to use it and urged the ladies to face the coming year whole-heartedly, faithful to their trust.

The evening service was under the direction of the young people. Rev. Archdeacon Swanson of the Anglican Church gave an inspiring address on ''Believing the Best'', in ourselves and in mankind. The Knox Young People put on a couple of interesting sketches—''Lecty's Choice'' and ''Shaken''.

Red Deer P.S.—Despite 40° below zero weather the Red Deer Presbyterial had a very enthusiastic annual meeting on January 19th, with delegates present from Olds, Carstairs, Innisfail, Penhold, Red Deer and Rocky Mountain House. Mrs. H. Jack presided. The Carstairs Auxiliary had charge of the devotional service. The reports were all encouraging, and the treasurer's was very satisfactory. Mrs. Forrester read a touching paper on the tragic death of Mr. and Mrs. Stamm in China. The President urged the women to continue steadfast in prayer, as only by prayer could we hope for results in our Society. Captain Howlett of the Salvation Army gave an inspiring address on ''Stewardship'', and it was felt that this annual meeting had been a real inspiration to all.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S.—The officers of Robertson W.M.S. Auxiliary, Vancouver, elected on December 17th were installed by the Honorary President, Mrs. H. A. Fraser. From the long list of officers, we sense a real live Society, not only active in its own particular work, but a helper in all branches of the congregation. May it have God's blessing in its activities.

On December 16th the Chinese Presbyterian kindergarten held its Christmas entertainment. The Rev. D. A. Smith presided, and Rev. Mr. Yeung took part, also our missionary from India, Miss Ellen Douglas. Mrs. R. M. Thomson brought greetings from the Provincial Board. The kindergarten children delighted the audience with their recitation of Scripture and singing of hymns. The Chinese are born actors and these children in pageant depicted the nativity exceedingly well. Each child had made in class a gift for his or her mother and these were presented, giving a glimpse of family affection. We noticed the staff of workers carrying away the many gifts of their pupils, a very generous and appreciative people.

Kamloops–Okanagan P.S. — Miss Ellen Douglas, missionary on furlough from India, visited this Presbyterial in October, addressing meetings in Penticton, Armstrong, Salmon Arm and Kamloops. Miss Douglas is an exceptionally interesting speaker and illustrated her lecture with her own slides, which pictured vividly the conditions under which a missionary labours.

The members of the Blue Banner Mission Band of Kamloops played hosts to their mothers at a tea on December 7th.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

WINNIPEG P.S.—At the annual meeting of Old Kildonan W.M.S. Auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. B. Anderson, all reports were favourable. A Life Membership was presented to Miss Flora Henderson who has been a faithful member for many years.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church is greatly honoured in having Dr. Jessie MacBean as its Honorary President. Many new faces are seen on the Executive, with Mrs. G. A. Warrington as President.

At the annual meeting of St. John's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Mrs. J. B. Neville was elected President. All reports were favourable, that of the Mission Band being particularly encouraging. An inspiring address was given by Mrs. J. S. Hutchison.

Calvin W.M.S. Auxiliary, at their annual meeting, elected Mrs. T. S. Smart, President. All reports presented were very encouraging.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 166 HAMMERSMITH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual meeting of Ontario Provincial Society will be held in New St. James Church, London, April 20-21-22. The Billeting Secretary is Mrs. S. Milliken, 22 Rattle St., London. Members of the Board (including Presbyterial Presidents) wishing their railway tickets in advance, please write to the Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, 209 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, not later than April 15th.

The missionary organizations of Knox Church, Leamington, at a joint meeting heard Mrs. K. B. Schroeder, Toronto, speak, by request, on supplies. A pageant ''The Land of India'', was presented by the Swastika Group and members of the Mission Band. An authentic Hindu costume, brought from India by Miss I. McConnell, was worn by one of the girls. Mrs. Schroeder also addressed Knox Auxiliary, Windsor, on ''The Forgotten Thanksgiving'' and answered questions regarding supply work. A new Mission Band, ''Sunbeams'', starts with 24 members. Twenty questions prepared by using pictures from *Glad Tidings* were passed to the children and many answered all correctly.

To the Toronto Young Women's Auxiliary Leaders' Fellowship, at a self-denial Thank-offering meeting, Mrs. Daniel Strachan gave a stirring talk on the work to be carried on by the Society. Speaking of the pioneer work the deaconesses are doing, she urged the young women to measure up to this very definite need.

A fine sectional meeting at Mountain, Brockville P.S., was attended by members from South Mountain, East Oxford and Kemptville. Mrs. Davidson gave a paper on ''Stewardship of Time''. Mrs. W. D. Turner gave the address and Mrs. Carmichael reviewed missionary current events. Much help was received from discussion of the work. Chesterville Auxiliary presented a Life Membership to Mrs. J. Bailey, while pins were presented to Mrs. A. Black, Mrs. C. McIntosh, Mrs. M. Marcellus, and Mrs. Geo. Brownell. The Mission Band awarded Junior Certificates and pins for perfect attendance to Dorothy and Susie Liscomb. Mrs. J. S. Riddell gave a helpful address on ''Thanksgiving''.

The West Flamboro Auxiliary, Hamilton P.S., celebrated its 51st birthday in December. Members from visiting Auxiliaries extended greetings. Mrs. H. C. McKellar conducted a memorial service and Miss Mary E. Anderson told of her work among the Koreans in Japan. A Life Membership was given to Mrs. J. Hugill. Mrs. W. Wood, one of the oldest members, cut the cake given by Mrs. J. B. Graham. Miss Barbara Addison, charter member, spoke on the early days of the Auxiliary.

The annual meeting of Linday P.S. in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was well attended. Reports gave evidence of increased interest and givings, and an increase in subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings.* Rev. G. M. Jamieson, Beaverton, represented Presbytery. Uxbridge Mission Band ranked highest, receiving a picture of Dr. Margaret O'Hara. The Home Helpers Secretary told of the sustaining prayers of the members and their gifts to the bale. Mrs. L. B. Beath, Toronto, spoke on Girls' Organizations work.

Bruce and Owen Sound annual reports showed an optimistic spirit, givings were increased. In Walkerton the C.G.I.T. conducted the Auxiliary meeting one month, the Y.P.S. another, and the Home Helpers one celebrating the 85th anniversary of their Church. Mrs. D. MacGillivray spoke at the Thank-offering meeting on ''Things that Abide''. Two Life Memberships were presented. The offering was $114.00. They reached their allocation. Paisley presented two In Memoriam certificates and met their allocation. Port Elgin Auxiliary was addressed by Mrs. W. A. McLennan. During the cold months meetings are held in the homes and are well attended.

At Paris P.S. annual meeting in Paris the dominant note through all reports was increase; $258.00 above the allocation was received. Rev. W. F. McConnell welcomed the members. Rev. G. D. Johnston, Brantford, spoke of the increased givings for missions of the church at large. Miss Mary E. Anderson gave an address on mission work in Japan. Miss Helena W. Gibbs, in training for work in Manchuria, was introduced. Mrs. T. E. Langford in her address stressed prayer, gratitude and the desire for more Home Helpers in honour of the founding of this department thirty years ago. Miss B. Armstrong, Ancaster, installed the officers.

Increased interest and increased membership also marked the reports at the annual meeting of Ottawa P.S. in Erskine Church, Ottawa. In her address the President, Mrs. Hill, emphasized the need for greater service in the cause of missions. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) spoke on ''How the W.M.S. Adjusts Itself to the Work of the Church''. Mrs. McLennan's presence and help on many angles of the work was a real inspiration to all. Mrs. C. H. Thorburn spoke for the Provincial. Rev. H. S. Mekeel addressed the evening meeting at which Rev. R. Good presided. A rally of Y.W. Auxiliaries was addressed by Mrs. McLennan. A broadcast, ''Our Mission Fields'', conveyed much information. The annual C.G.I.T. rally was addressed by Miss Violet Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary. An exercise, ''Blazing New Trails'', was presented by a group of workers. The Ladies' Aid of Erskine Church entertained the girls at supper.

Burk's Falls Auxiliary, North Bay P.S., met their allocation. Owing to difficulty in getting special speakers, members read helpful papers at their Thank-offering meeting, and provided the programme at Huntsville where Rev. W. Weir gave the address on ''Mission Work in the West''. The girls' Mission Band and the ''Dr. Goforth'' boys' group both did excellent work. The girls contributed articles for the bale, while the boys made and sold calendars. They both met their allocation.

Mrs. C. H. McDougall addressed St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Sarnia, when four Life Memberships were given and an ''In Memoriam'' for Mrs. Andrew Murray, given by her sister, Mrs. J. M. McDonald. Fourteen members of Forest Mission Band attended all meetings of the year, Rev. Mr. MacOdrum commended them at their Christmas entertainment. Watford Auxiliary at their tenth anniversary report an increase in givings of 100 per cent.

The annual meeting of Stratford P.S. in Stratford was said to be the best yet. Miss Mary E. Anderson's address created new interest and enthusiasm for the work. An increase in givings was reported. A framed Honorary Certificate was given to Mrs. William Dalling of Monkton, a retiring officer. The Calder Mission Band of Atwood, which celebrated its 45th anniversary in October, won the award for the year, a certificate. Each year many older members return and at the Thank-offering meeting five of these, all young men, sang a chorus. A memorial service for Miss McVannel was held. The Executive presented an Honorary membership pin to the retiring President, Mrs. J. H. McCabe. Miss Jessie McGrigor is the new President.

At the annual meeting of Huron P.S. in Clinton, Mrs. D. J. Lane, President, reviewing the financial aspect of the work, referred to II Cor. 8: 1-15. She said depression, affliction, and poverty did not put the Macedonians on the poor fund. Their painful experience increased, rather than lessened, their givings. They begged the apostles to take their gifts and pass them on. What was their secret? They gave themselves to the Lord. Ability to give is measured by grace, not by our bank account. We need to examine our stock of grace rather than our cash on hand.

Barrie P.S. will celebrate its Golden Jubilee in May. Special programmes of prayer, thanksgiving and consecration will be observed throughout the Presbyterial during the previous month. They exceeded their allocation by $200.00. Orillia Auxiliary closed their Jubilee year with the presentation of an Honorary Membership to Mrs. J. H. Eaton, and pin and bar, the gift of Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, Toronto, two In Memoriam certificates—for Mrs. Robert Hay, pioneer worker, the gift of a son in South Africa, and for Mrs. Robert Jackson, given by her daughters, one Life Membership and two Junior certificates.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

SASKATCHEWAN Provincial Society will hold its annual meeting in Saskatoon on March 31st and April 1st.

Moose Jaw Presbyterial Executive met on January 19th to pass the departmental reports and to attend to other business. Miss P. B. Lamont was a special guest. Mrs. H. R. Langille presided. It was encouraging to learn that the missionary givings were a little in excess of the previous year's.

Saskatoon Presbyterial plans to hold its annual meeting on March 30th.

Parkview W.M.S. Auxiliary, Saskatoon, closed the year's work with a paper by Mrs. J. J. Peters on Christianity in Rural India and British Guiana. At the January meeting Mrs. P. B. Edwards, Presbyterial President, gave an excellent paper on ''Adventures in Hospitality'', dealing with the home life of a missionary in Formosa.

St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Saskatoon, together with the Dr. James Robertson Auxiliary, have undertaken to present mission studies to the pupils of the four Sabbath Schools connected with St. Andrew's Church. During January the slides on Formosa were to be presented to each of the schools in turn by Mrs. W. G. Brown, who because of her recent trip to Formosa is especially well qualified to explain these slides. In February it was hoped that this work of showing slides would be continued when Miss Wilna Moore was to show Indian slides, illustrating work among the Indians in Saskatchewan.

Regina P.S.—On January 15th the full Executive of Regina Presbyterial held a supper meeting in the club room of First Church, with sixteen members present. Miss P. B. Lamont and Miss Laura Pelton were welcomed as special guests. Mrs. Geo. M. Bell, Presbyterial President, presided at the business meeting which followed, when interesting and encouraging reports were received from the Treasurer and various Secretaries. Nominations were received for the Provincial offices.

The Executive of First Church Auxiliary, Regina, met recently to plan the year's work. For the Bible Study Course for the year a series of studies in prayer has been outlined, Miss Lily Macarthur to give the introductory study in January on the subject ''The Bible, the World's Prayer Book''.

The Peace Group, in connection with First Church Auxiliary, sponsored a public lecture on the evening of January 14th, when Dr. Hilda Neatby of the History Department of the University of Saskatchewan spoke on the Spanish situation. Though the evening was bitterly cold there was a good attendance. Dr. Neatby is very favourably known in Regina as an authority on History and also as a lecturer.

Saskatchewan Provincial Society mourns the loss of Mrs. S. Cook, of Broadview. Mrs. Cook, who was an Honorary President of the Society for the last few years and one of its most stalwart and faithful Christian workers, passed to her reward recently. In 1925 when a group of Presbyterians in Broadview found themselves without church or minister, Mrs. Cook rallied them and even conducted the services of worship until it was possible to have a student sent to them. Mrs. Cook also organized the W.M.S. Auxiliary and was herself the President for a number of years. Her prayer life was an inspiration and a benediction to all who knew her. Of her it can indeed be truly said that she ''was not for God took her unto Himself''.

''Beautiful toiler, thy work all done,
Beautiful soul unto Glory gone,
God giveth thee rest.''

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Calgary P.S.—Happy Workers M.B., Pleasant Heights Church, Calgary.

Edmonton P.S.—Jesus' Helpers M.B., Belloy; Sunshine M.B., Fox Creek.

Macleod P.S.—Granum M.B.; Carstairs M.B. (reorganized); M.B., St. Andrew's Church, Macleod.

Ontario

Hamilton P.S.—M.B., Loretto; Children's Band, St. Andrew's Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake; Girls' Group, Hagersville.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—M.B., Forester's Falls.

North Bay P.S.—M.B., Cecebe.

Sarnia P.S.—Y.W.A., Wyoming.

Toronto P.S.—Helping Hand M.B., Norval; Girls' Group, Ukrainian Church; Girls' Group, Lloydtown.

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert P.S.—Sunbeam M.B., Meath Park.

Regina P.S.—Joy M.B., Clear Lake division of Arlington Beach Mission Field.

Treasurer's Statement

December 31st, 1936

RECEIPTS	
Mrs. Thos. Bell, Toronto .	$ 10.00
Miss E. Cavers, Ottawa, “Miss Sok's Salary” .	60.00
A Friend	350.00
A Friend “Publishing Chinese Mother's Book”	25.00
A Friend “Pastor Kim's Salary”	125.00
A Friend “Publishing Chinese Mother's Book”	70.00
A Friend “Pioneer Work in Canada”	50.00
“In His Name” Melville Presbyterian Church, Westmount, Missions in Western Canada”	15.00
Mrs. J. H. Thomson, Toronto, “Western Relief”	15.00
Women's Class, Chinese Institute, Toronto	20.00
Presbyterian Group Birtle Indian Residence	100.00
Refund from Vegreville Residence	350.00
Refund from Mrs. Cheshire's Travelling Expense	300.00
Refund on Lantern Slides	33.48
Transferred from Special Account for collecting South Porcupine Accounts	10.00
Transferred from Trust Fund for Education of Chinese Candidate	300.00
Transferred from Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries	700.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	1,887.82
British Columbia	2,940.00
Manitoba	1,912.70
Ontario	44,900.00
Quebec	5,752.40
Saskatchewan	1,311.85
	$61,238.25

DISBURSEMENTS	
Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 404.16
Vegreville	250.00
Chinese work in Canada	861.61
Birtle Indian School	623.31
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	570.98
Mistawasis	45.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	75.00
New Liskeard	70.87
Saskatoon	75.00
Vegreville	210.82
India:	
Bhil Field	2,506.50
Car for Jobat, India (Special Gift)	650.00
Jhansi Field	1,189.75
Formosa	2,020.98
Japan	75.00
South China	250.00
British Guiana	310.00
Manchuria	250.00
Christian Literature Society, Shanghai	100.00
Publishing Chinese Mother's Book	95.00
Grant to Hungarian Paper	60.00
Organization	393.69
Publication	1,091.91
Library	8.47
Lantern Slides	6.91
Supplies	739.23
Special Retiring Allowances	146.74
Education of Chinese Candidate	37.00
Insurance	77.50
Welcome and Welfare and Deaconesses	422.22
Western Relief	15.00
Canadian School of Missions	125.00
Exchange	560.88
Administration	552.95
Amount transferred to Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries	145.00
	$15,016.48

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—

A Friend	$ 5.00
Legacy from the Estate of the late Barbara Tulloch through Sloan Auxiliary, Parkdale Church	100.00
In Memory of Annie H. Gowans	200.00
Interest	146.59
Yearly interest transferred from Special Fund	288.46
Yearly interest transferred from Legacy Fund	296.32
Accumulated interest transferred from Formosa Forward Movement Fund	4,051.94
Transferred from Life Membership account	224.30
Quebec Provincial	147.60
Saskatchewan Provincial	47.48
Alberta Provincial	38.94
Manitoba Provincial	25.55
Ontario Provincial	214.21
Mrs. Stuart B. Playfair, Toronto	100.00

Legacy Fund—

Interest	49.49

Formosa Forward Movement Fund—

Interest	57.68

Special Fund—

South Porcupine Hospital Account	82.05
Interest	38.12
A Friend, ''Special Work in West''	25.00

Sustaining Fund—

Rent of Bungalow in Japan	30.00
Interest	166.62
	$6,335.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—

Interest paid to General Fund for Special allowances to missionaries	$ 700.00

Special Fund—

Miss Madill's Salary and Expenses	855.13
Interest transferred to Special Retiring Fund for missionaries	288.46
Installing water at Canora Hospital	2,742.16

Legacy Fund—	
Library for Girls' Work Secretary	15.00
Interest on Special Legacy for prizes at Vegreville Residence	6.00
Interest transferred to Special Retiring Fund for missionaries	296.32
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest on Special Bond for Scholarship for Boy in India	45.00
Formosa Forward Movement Fund—	
Interest transferred to Special Retiring Fund for missionaries	4,051.94
	$9,000.01

(Mrs. Daniel) Helen M. Strachan,
Treasurer.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE SPEAKS

A BIBLE School girl, worker in rural areas, said to the missionary, "Did you go out to such and such a village one hot day last fall, walking ten *li* or so just to talk with one little backsliding *saxi* and her young husband?"

"Yes, what about the two; did you meet them?"

"Well, the girl is weak, and her husband evidently not a true believer yet, but the whole village heard that a missionary from Pyengyang had gone clear out there and out into the fields just to preach to that girl and everywhere I went people said, 'There must be something in this Jesus doctrine, if the foreigner is willing to go to all that trouble. Come in, and we'll listen to what you have to say'."

—Mrs. Hill, *The Missionary Review of the World.*

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Provincial Societies:

Alberta.—Edmonton, April 6, 7.
British Columbia.—Vancouver, April 13, 14, 15.
Manitoba.—Winnipeg, May 5, 6.
Ontario.—London, April 20, 21, 22.
Quebec.—Sherbrooke, April 20.
Saskatchewan.—Saskatoon, March 31, April 1.

The Enlarged Council Executive meeting will be held in the Canadian School of Missions, 97 St. George Street, Toronto, on May 25th and following days.

ALTERATIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

Manitoba

Provincial Officers—page 110—W. and W. Secretary, Mrs. G. H. Laurie, address changed to 696 Westminster Ave., Winnipeg.

Ontario

Guelph P.S.—page 141—President, Mrs. W. P. Gamble, 143 Norfolk St., Guelph.

Maitland P.S.—page 158—Treasurer, Mrs. John Pollock, Whitechurch; Finance Secretary, Mrs. R. Mowbray, Whitechurch.

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Alberta.—Mrs. A. G. Findlay, 310 25th Avenue W., Calgary.

British Columbia.—Mrs. T. Deas, 1656 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver.

Manitoba - Saskatchewan.—Mrs. G. F. Blair, 2257 McIntyre Street, Regina, Sask.

Ontario.—Mrs. E. F. Perry, 159 Mavety Street, Toronto.

Quebec.—Mrs. J. H. Currie, 3648 Durocher Avenue, Montreal.

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DR. AND MRS. GOFORTH	7 cents
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Editorial

Almanac from British Guiana

WE are grateful to Mrs. A. B. Rice, Secretary for British Guiana, for a copy of the very attractive almanac (1937) of the British Guiana Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Besides a Scripture calendar, and a beautiful sunset view, the almanac shows in very convenient form—one sheet suitable for hanging on the wall—the names of the members of the Canadian Mission Council in British Guiana: Rev. David Marshall, Chairman, Mrs. Marshall, Miss Anne Storey, of Georgetown, and Rev. James Dunn, Mrs. Dunn, and Miss Olwen Davies, of New Amsterdam, Berbice; the names of thirteen ordained elders, and of all evangelistic workers, with the mission stations and educational institutions under the Church. Mr. Marshall and the other members of the Council are to be congratulated on this very fine production.

Visitors to the Council Executive

AT February meetings the Council Executive welcomed Miss Ethel Chisholm, formerly Superintendent of nurses in the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa, who is spending some months at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home; Miss Mabel Booth, who a few days later left Toronto for her new field of service in Saskatoon; and Miss Mary E. Anderson, of Kobe, Japan, who during her furlough has been doing valuable deputation work in Ontario and Quebec.

New Movements in Formosa

IT is doubtful whether there is in the world any country which would not think of itself as passing through a time of crisis in recent years, and Formosa, with other parts of the Japanese Empire, is no exception. It, too, has been living in a period of unrest, which is for the Church a time of great difficulty, but also a time of unusual opportunity, with many indications of real spiritual awakening. Of special moment in the religious life of the Island recently are the Christian Youth Movement, the Three-Year Movement, and the Evangelistic Revival in which Dr. Sung's visit played such an important part. Rev. Hugh A. MacMillan very kindly sent, at our request, an article on the Christian Youth

Movement which is published in this issue, together with an account of the Youth Conference written by Miss Ramsay. Of Dr. Sung's visit Miss Burdick wrote:

''You will be happy to know that a great blessing has come to our people here in Formosa. Dr. John Sung, a man used of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the work of God, with fervour and strong conviction spoke three and four times daily for three weeks from April 15th to May 7th. Dressed in the long, straight, blue Chinese coat, he seemed almost like a prophet of old, calling on the people to repent of their sins, to trust in the Holy Spirit's help in overcoming the 'little sins' which so hinder the clear witnessing to Christ by the Christians of to-day.

''His themes were: (1) The New Birth; (2) Life of Purity; (3) Being Filled with the Holy Spirit; (4) Witnessing; (5) The Second Coming. Thousands heard him and many were moved to confess their sin and ask for prayer that they might live more in accordance with the will of the Lord.

''In our North Formosa 156 evangelistic bands were formed. These bands promised to witness, at least once every week, to the Gospel of the finished work of Christ upon the Cross. Choruses, new to the people here but dear to many of your hearts, were used throughout the meeting, —'In the Cross, Be my Glory ever', 'God will take care of you', 'Coming Home', 'Do not fear, only believe', and others. Many object sermons and blackboard illustrations made the messages more vivid.

''The women of the Women's School attended in a body during the week he spoke in Taihoku. They faithfully noted what the evangelist said and returned to Tansui filled with zeal to go out and win others for Christ. The Girls' School students heard him speak several times. Many of them made important decisions which will influence their whole lives.''

Result of Increase in Subscriptions

THE increased number of subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings* in 1936, which was largely due to the special effort of the *Glad Tidings* Secretaries in all branches of the Society, has made it possible to enlarge the magazine, without raising the subscription price. Beginning with this April issue, four pages are being added, in the hope that the number of subscriptions will not only be maintained but increased.

The League of Nations Society Should be Supported

IN its efforts ''to lead a vigorous Canadian peace movement; to provide essential peace movement services; to create in Canada a sound foundation of public understanding of international affairs and problems'', the League of Nations Society in Canada should have the loyal support of every woman in our country. More than ever is it true that ''the present world situation calls not only for positive governmental leadership, but for a tremendous effort in public education, the promotion of public discussion, and the distribution of information.'' Members should take advantage of its International Affairs Literature and Information Service provided through the National office in Ottawa. Attention is called, too, to the Conference to be held in May, when reports will be received on peace action activities of all participating organizations, and consideration given to the improvement and extension of services, to a political action programme, and to the matter of participation in the International Peace Campaign.

At this time members of the Women's Missionary Society are especially urged to support the League of Nations Society in its efforts for peace. Minor differences of opinion as to ways and means should not be allowed to stand in the way of united action to achieve a great result, nor discouragement that that result is not immediately attained. Comments of a writer in the January issue of *Life and Work* are very apt in this connection: ''With what hopes we set up our League of Nations. How chagrined we are because it has not worked miracles. Of this I would say two things. First, we expected the League to do for us what we must do for ourselves. It was to be a device to secure peace without, or previous to, the changed heart which alone deserves peace or can receive peace. Secondly, our disappointment over the League is a most pitiable exhibition of short-windedness. Because it has not changed the face of the world in eighteen years we are for giving it up. Why, that there should even be such a thing as a League of Nations, that it should have worked at all, is a marvel. 'Thy daughter is dead; why trouble any further?' Jesus said, 'Be not afraid, only believe'.''

Dr. E. Stanley Jones

NO Christian leader in the world to-day is more widely known and more highly honoured than Dr. E. Stanley Jones who visited Toronto shortly before returning to India.

In this ''confused hour in human history,'' Dr. Jones saw people again turning with new hope to the Gospel. ''Stanley Jones seems to be obsessed with the idea of the Kingdom of God on earth.'' What was intended as an adverse criticism he considered the highest of tributes, for he knew, he said, nothing higher than the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus had made it the centre of His message. ''The Kingdom of God on earth!''—that is, life as it ought to be, the old order founded on greed, selfishness and distrust confronted by a higher based on love and brotherliness. The disciples limited the universal thing of which Jesus spoke to something nationalistic; the Kingdom of God became for them the Kingdom of David. It was only at Pentecost that they began to understand. Out of it came the most astonishing society the world has ever seen, Dr. Jones declared—a brotherhood of sharing that leaped over barriers of race, colour, and birth, containing the germs of a new world. That society made universal is the society the world is longing for. Later, however, other things were emphasized; the Kingdom of God was no longer central, so that now we have not a big enough conception of Christianity to meet the present world situation. In the Gospel there is something big and universal enough, the very thing people are unconsciously striving for through Fascism or through Communism. The unity of the world is broken up, and people are looking for something to bring it back,—and the Kingdom of God does. ''Religion is not to get me out of hell,'' said Dr. Jones, ''but to get hell out of me; not to get me into Heaven, but to bring Heaven to me.'' It brings a remedy for every evil on earth, and does away with the duality of heaven and earth.

It does away with the duality between the material and the spiritual. The Gospel of Christ, according to Dr. Jones, is the most materialistic religion on earth, founded as it is on an incarnation. The material, he emphasized, is not something to be renounced, but something to dedicate. Religion must be spiritual in terms of the material; it must have meaning through human relationships.

It does away with the duality between the secular and the sacred, a distinction not found in the Gospel. All life is a sacred thing. The mistaken distinction between secular and spiritual occupations has had, in Dr. Jones' opinion, a paralyzing effect on laymen, giving them a sense of inferiority. They were, he said, just as much called to give Christ in Toronto as he was in India; there is no essential difference in the calling. The business man can decide that his business will be a miniature Kingdom of God, just as a housewife, instead of thinking her duties secular, may determine that her household shall be a miniature Kingdom of God. People have to put God back into life—into *all* life.

Moreover, it does away with the duality between idealism and realism. Jesus, the speaker maintained, was not an idealist; He did not build up something apart from action; rather He put everything into action. ''It was stark realism. 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Try to settle the struggle between capital and labour without love of one's neighbour, and see how far you get. The Kingdom of God on earth is a vast realism.''

It does away, too, with the distinction between the social and personal Gospel. One must believe in the Gospel applied to life as a whole; it is impossible to tell where the social ends and the personal begins. There is such a thing as an evil soul, and there are evil systems, Dr. Jones said, such as slavery, drinking, and the mad rush towards war. He appealed to his hearers to renounce war and to build justice and the love of God into the social structure. The world needs a social and a personal Gospel; one is incomplete without the other.

It does away with the duality between *home* and *foreign*. Dr. Jones believed in *missions*. He was as much a missionary to Toronto as to India; the paganism underneath was essentially the same. He goes to the people of the East because they are part of the world. All are human beings; boundary lines cannot alter that fact. ''The highest man was He who said: I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat. To be Christianized is to be sensitized.'' In Dr. Jones' opinion, the man who says he does not believe in missions means that he cannot see beyond the people around him, cannot see the man for whom Christ died. Some people see only themselves, some their families or their community, others their own class or race, or people of the same colour. ''The Kingdom of God,'' Dr. Jones said, ''is colour-blind and class-blind. The whole world is one class.'' The missionary motive is the passion to make Christ known. Poverty could be banished. If religion has nothing to do with poverty, it has, he said, nothing to do with Christ. ''The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor.'' (We were inclined to interpret that as the spiritually poor.) The poor need not so much charity as justice, which is much harder to give. With the collective goodwill of the world, the earth could be so bountiful that there would be no need for poverty. It would bring a brotherhood on earth. Dr. Jones does not want countries to become Communist or Fascist, but Christian; for the Kingdom of God is greater than Communism or Fascism. He appealed to people to refuse to ''barter that conception of the Kingdom of God on earth for a mess of nationalistic snobbery'' around the idea of ''superior'' races. A Christian sees infinite possibilities in everybody. To accept Jesus Christ is to accept membership in a Christian social order, in which the weakest can become the strongest, and the broken can become victorious. His is the Gospel of fresh beginnings and of a new world, a Gospel that must be offered because it is desperately needed. The Christian message alone can stand before the world's need.

Great God of Hope, how green Thy trees,
    How calm each several star.
Renew us; make us fresh as these,
    Calm as those are.
For what can dim his hope who sees,
    Though faintly and afar,
The power that kindles green in trees,
    And light in star?

—*Amy Carmichael.*

Torches to Light the Path of Youth

AT a meeting arranged by the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada Dr. Stanley Jones, after calling attention to the fact that Jesus never talked to women as women, or to men as men, but as persons, spoke of what women can do in guiding the world towards the Kingdom of God on earth.

Women, whose task is to co-ordinate and direct, can, he declared, give something vastly important to the next generation. The relations between women and men were the best in the world, in his opinion, among the Syrian Christians in South India, a Church founded by St. Thomas and now after centuries awake; among them Dr. Jones had spoken to his largest Christian audiences, 35,000. There women were equal to men and lived in great freedom but in great restraint. Among them divorce and unfaithfulness were practically unknown, and Gandhi had congratulated the women of the Syrian Church for their purity and strength of character. In one of their churches was a lamp from whose hundred arms the people after the service would light wicks to lighten the darkness on their way home. It was, he said, the function of the Church and of the home to put a wick into the hands of youth. Women especially can give to the young a torch to guide them out into the future.

First, they can put into their hands the *torch of basic honesty.* The future will rest on character, and Christianity makes for honest character, but it has to be shown. The second is the *torch of peace.* If the Christian women of the world would insist: ''We are through with war'', then statesmen would say: ''They are going to be Christians'', and look for some other way out. He called on womanhood to put a Christian peace between nations. As it was a woman who conceived the idea of the Christ of the Andes, so Christian women could put a Christ of the Andes across each of the great chasms that have grown up in life, such as the chasm between capital and labour. Through co-operation women could lay the foundations of a better order; there would be fewer millionaires, but a happier world; for now, although God has given plenty, millions are underfed.

Women can, moreover, hand to the younger generation the *torch of Christian brotherhood.* He appealed to Canadians to make Christian society a reality, to have nothing to do with racial or national snobberies, (one of the most unfair ways, he felt, of dividing the world is on the basis of colour), rather to have a blinding vision of the oneness of humanity, to consider what they can do for the rest of the women of the world. To him the greatest thing in India is that womanhood has begun to come out of retirement and take part in public life, sixteenth century women coming out to take part in the world of the twentieth. (''The world was made for women, too!'' was the amazed exclamation of one

B.C. ORIENTALS ARE IGNORING CALL TO ARMS

Chinese and Japanese Aim to Remain in Canada as Their Home

BECOME CANADIANIZED

(By WELLINGTON JEFFERS.)
(Financial Editor, The Globe and Mail.)

Vancouver (By Mail).—The calls to arms made by both Japan and China will not thin out the male population of Japanese and Chinese extraction now living in British Columbia. The Chinese-Canadians cannot, and the Japanese-Canadians will not go. That is particularly true of the second and third generations who have been educated in British Columbia schools.

When the Great War was launched, Germans, Austrians, French, English, and Greeks flocked back to their respective countries to enlist under the old banners. But the Japanese citizens of British Columbia sent a notable contingent with the Canadian army, and a distinctive monument now in Stanley Park names the men who fell for Canada.

Intend to Stay.

An editor with unrivalled experience in British Columbia and familiar with the Oriental citizens in all their comings and goings for one-third of a century, said to me: "There is a mistaken idea in the East that these people are only staying in Canada until they can pile up enough money to finance their return to Japan or China. Ask one of them when he intends to go back to Japan or China to live and he will look at you blankly. He looks on Canada as his home and he has not the slightest intention of leaving it. That is true of most and it is absolutely true of the second generation."

I found it to be so. The question then arose, is this second generation becoming Canadianized? I could see many of them doing good work as bell boys, as elevator men, as merchants, as fishermen. The girls dress, smoke, use lip-stick, go to movies, smile merrily, chat and act much as other Canadian girls do so far as one can tell from seeing them on the street. I saw Japanese and Chinese driving around in good automobiles. Undoubtedly, these are well established and feel themselves very much at home.

Most Hard-Working.

I asked two lads who have had their education in British Columbia their conclusions as a result of an intimate view for years of their fellow-students of Oriental descent. The composite reply ran something like this: "Seven out of eight of them are good, hard-working students, and two or three of them will be very clever. The eighth will be dumb beyond the ordinary."

But the same distinction between city and country people marks these Canadians of Oriental descent, as it does others. In the outskirts of Vancouver and in and beyond the suburbs one sees from the windows of tram and bus and motor car hundreds of men at work in the fields. With their huge straw hats perched like toadstools on their heads, and bending over their hoes with amazing industry during all the hours of daylight, they seem to have sprung out of the good earth and to be a part of it and its productivity. They use every foot of ground in front of, behind and all around their houses, which are as painfully bare, unlovely and neglected as their gardens and fields are the opposite as the result of continuous and painstaking care and culture. Apparently their motto is "Produce! Produce!" and they waste no effort on flowers or non-eatable or non-saleable plants or in improving their houses inside or outside.

Seem Part of Orient.

It is at these houses and these fields one looks to find the least change in the habits of workers and their modes of living. They still seem a part of the Orient set down in a North American environment. Under the guidance of a ~~Nordic-~~Canadian I looked down in one place on a warren surrounded by verandahs, from which a dozen large dogs bayed. They pulled at their chains and made the usual pandemonium when they caught sight of us.

"Those dogs are always changing," said my guide. "No one knows for a fact what happens to them, but the impression of people in this district is that the dogs are eaten. I won't say that that is so, but, to say the least, I know their dietary prejudices are fewer than ours."

The other end of the scale is in the city, the high schools and the university.

Orientals Not Mentioned.

Canada is now embarking on a policy of selective immigration. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce spoke for such a policy with British stock preferred in a resolution adopted at the Vancouver convention and Sir Edward Beatty advocated a similar policy at the annual dinner of the convention. In various meetings across the prairies business men and farmers were asked what immigrants they would prefer. All seemed to feel that with the present prosperity in Great Britain there is not much chance for immigration, except of the very young under aided schemes, but they expressed a preference for the Scandinavians after the British, and said that Dutch, Germans and Belgians have proved to be good farmers.

No word was said about Orientals either on the prairies or in British Columbia. Yet it must have been in the minds of most. And the unspoken objection to such immigration was that the Oriental will be unassimilable. The economic argument is in favor of the Oriental who is healthy and able. He will not be a public charge and he will add to the productivity of the country to the benefit of the nation and of himself. He will be an example to his neighbors of the value of industry, intelligent application and nearness to the soil. But until Japanese and ~~Chinese~~ homes in Canada show a growing love of the artistic and the beautiful to at least as large an extent as do those of their neighbors or until they display in Canada something of the skill and talent shown in the fine gardens of Japan and China, there will be no disposition to open doors wider. Canadians will find it hard to credit a love for Canada in those who do not beautify their homes.

The instinct to go slowly in this matter seems to me to be soundly based. There would be no difficulty in filling up the vacant lands of the West and of the East from the Orient if the doors were opened, but the people who come to Canada must eventually be Canadians, proud of British citizenship, British institutions, loving the English language and its literature or the French language and its literature or both. The Oriental surplus population must and will go somewhere, but Canada, both because of the disposition of her people and the fact that their minds are attuned to European culture, should be a limited outlet. The Oriental peoples on the coast are the trial balloons which will determine future policy.

It is not true that East and West can never meet. They do meet. There is some marriage and intermarriage. The social circles meet at the edges, but do not coalesce. One future problem may be illustrated from the experience of a delegate to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. He met and conversed with a school teacher who is half Chinese and half English-Canadian. As he described her to me, she is witty, charming, well-informed and altogether of striking personality. But she told him she moves between two circles, unaccepted either by whites or Chinese. She has advised [illegible] in China not to come t[illegible]use of this bar which [illegible] to exist. There is no [illegible]ing of the line, no saying [illegible] or that race is inferior or superior but just a tacit acceptance of a profound dissimilarity. Perhaps the difference is more apparent than real, but until one sees undoubted Canadians emerging from these colorful Asiatic colonists, future policy as to Pacific immigration must be both indeterminate and careful.

Those who are already in British Columbia are now an integral part of Canadian life. Their presence is a fact not to be solved by their absence. No element other than the Indian is now more deeply rooted in the soil. They are strong competitors of white-skinned farmers, but as domestics they do not accept less money than do Canadians or English. Taken in moderation, they may eventually prove to ~~be a~~ good ethnic element to infiltrate into Canadian nationality, but the dose should continue to be a moderate one, calculated not to permit development of deep-seated racial, social or economic troubles.

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his hand at the
ritish army, during his visit
euvres in Essex, England.

of them. Dr. Jones believes that it will be made *by* women, too.) A few years ago when, by request, he addressed women, he did not see his audience, just feet under a screen. Lately, he spoke to a great crowd of women. They are arising and taking their place in the remaking of India. How are they going to do it in the upset world of to-day? He urged women to dedicate themselves to the reshaping of the world, to think in terms of women and their needs, to enter the great open door of constructive opportunity. Referring to what women have done as missionaries, he would have women now catch the contagion of a *great missionary passion,* and pass on that torch to their sons and daughters. They should cut down expenditure to make Christ known throughout the world.

Give them, he urged, the *torch of a clear religious faith.* The younger generation is going through greater difficulties than the preceding one; the greatest thing one can do is to give a clear, living religious faith through one's own life. Women who had not such a faith should get it, should make a complete surrender. Age, he said, was no hindrance, as he told of the author of *I Found the Way,* whose whole life and outlook was changed when she was over sixty, as she became a Christian and began to tell others of her experience. Women should give the *torch of a living experience* to the young, teach them to pray, ''to hold them steady in the rush and clash of things, as nothing else will.''

What can women do? They can, he said, throw the weight of Christian influence into the scale for good. Faith has grown dim in many lives, as in the case of a young man at the Ashram who ''came a flickering torch, but goes away a flaming torch'', to be a man of great influence in India. There should be in the heart the fire and glow for the young to warm their hearts by. The women of this land of great possibilities Dr. Jones urged, in conclusion, to dedicate themselves to the task of making themselves, their homes, their community, their nation, the world, Christian.

Chinese Vacation School, Toronto, 1936.

Taiwan's Third Christian Youth Conference

By Rev. Hugh A. MacMillan

FROM Wednesday, August the twelfth, till Tuesday, August the eighteenth, the third conference of Taiwan's Christian Youth met in Tansui. Over two hundred young men and women from almost all parts of the Island appeared, as if in response to a magician's magic wand, on Wednesday afternoon. Every path was thronged with strollers taking in the sights. In the shade of every available tree a group of three or four enjoyed the green sward refreshed by recent rains and the breezes sent especially, it seemed, for the conference, to fan away the August heat. Youths with suit-cases and bundles went here and there with those in charge of billets, finding places to stretch out at night sheltered from rain and safe from the stings of mosquitoes. Plans had been made for a hundred or, in a pinch, a hundred and fifty. With over two hundred, pinching became really serious. But Oriental youth, accustomed to crowds and narrow quarters, can stand a lot and yet keep smiling.

A coolie who lives in Tansui came along the compound lane that afternoon looking the crowd over with rather critical but not uninterested eyes. He questioned rather abruptly, ''What has this crowd of folks come for? Doubtless for nothing but a good time.'' He couldn't quite understand how young people could have any other motive in coming than for a good time. They, indeed, had a good time; no one but would so testify, but at the same time they were a serious-minded group. They were deeply conscious of the critical state of affairs in the world of to-day. They were much concerned about the difficulties facing those who hold the Christian faith. They were anxiously seeking guidance as to a way for youth to take. They did not come as to a play-house, but as to a shrine.

The conference subject, decided on by their own committee who arranged the conference, was; ''The *fukuin* (good news) of Jesus and the present day.'' The conference motto was: ''Follow thou Me''.

Central in the thought of the leaders was the importance of Bible study. Uninterrupted time was allowed for this and leaders for each Bible study group were carefully chosen. Groups varied in size from about ten to fifteen. The academic standing of the young people and their background was given careful thought. Students from colleges in Tokyo were in groups by themselves. Middle School students were in groups of their own. The aim of the central committee was to give each member freedom of thought and expression within his own group. The out-of-doors was considered important as a place for group meetings.

Tansui's wealth of wide-spreading shade trees, wide verandas, sweeping landscapes of mountain, river and sea provided scores of ideal spots for group gatherings. Leaders chose these with real ability.

Bible study material consisted chiefly of passages from the Gospels, from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to His arrest. Some key verses were as follows:

> ''And the GOSPEL must first be preached unto all nations.''
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> ''He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.
> And what I say unto you, I say unto all, watch.''
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> ''Verily I say unto you, wheresoever the GOSPEL shall be preached throughout the whole world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.''
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> ''For verily the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.''
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> ''Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.''

The experience of all groups seemed to be that the time for thought and discussion was in each case all too short. One young man, a member of a group meeting in the corner of an open veranda, was heard at the close of a study period deploring the lack of adequate time (though they had been meeting over an hour) and pleading for a special session that afternoon.

Valuable contributions were made by leaders from without the conference group itself. Mr. Nagai of the Tokyo Y.M.C.A. (Prince of mountain climbers, as he is called) was with us for three days. He became one of the group from the very first. Several Christian professors from the Imperial University of Taihoku gave lectures on scientific subjects and thus broadened the range of interest. Pastors from Japanese Churches, Methodist, Congregational, and Presbyterian, were welcomed enthusiastically. Mr. Kami of the Presbyterian Church was the conference's official *bokushi* (pastor). A group of the young people themselves, recently returned from a conference in Amoy, China, made a noteworthy contribution, chiefly in the prayer meetings. Miss Ramsay of Taihoku, Mrs. Marshall of Tainan, and Miss Adair of Shokwa joined with the seventy young women in their life and were greatly appreciated. Mr. Weighton, of London, Taihoku, and now of Tainan, led and lived with his group of about fifteen young men. He brought to us the inspiration of the Oxford group.

The promptness with which the whole conference assembled for *soten kitokwai* (early morning prayer service) at six and for *sekiyo kwai* (sunset service) testified to the group's discipline in cultivating the spiritual life. No prayer service ever grew monotonous, nor was the half hour allowed for these ever prolonged more than ten minutes. Every few minutes some one would spontaneously raise the note of a hymn and all would join in for a verse. Oftentimes five or six would be praying at the same time. This sounded no less harmonious than the hymn singing.

Candle service in the Tansui Church, the Lord's Supper on Mount Menten, 2,500 feet above Tansui, and the *kampu faya* (camp fire) decision night on the Oxford College grounds the last night were occasions that will live long in the memories of all. ''Candle Service'' has become an annual feature of Taiwan youth Christian conferences. A large seven-candle candelabra is placed on the platform and little candles are supplied to each person attending the service. Electric lights are turned out and the ceremony of lighting the candelabra begins. From the lighted candles at the front of the church the light is carried to the front row of seats and thence from person to person till the whole audience hold lighted candles. The singing, prayers, Scripture reading, sermon and other parts of the service are most impressive on candle night.

The day we climbed Mount Menten Dr. and Mrs. Gushue-Taylor and the Marshalls of Tainan threw open their cottages and feasted the whole two hundred with mountain top sweet potatoes, boiled in hundreds, and *bihun,* (Let's call this Oriental macaroni). Buckets of tea were required to satisfy the thirst of the youthful climbers.

The ''camp-fire'' on the green grass in front of Oxford College the last night will be an event long remembered. It was decision night. One by one young men and women stood up in the light of the camp-fire and in a brief minute or two told what the conference had meant to them and what they planned to do as a result of their conference experience.

''I was brought up nominally a Christian, but not till this conference have I really known what Christianity means. Now I know more about it. No longer shall I be as I was. I am going home with a new attitude toward my religion.

''I was brought up in a non-Christian home. Not long ago I got interested in the Young People's group. I came here, not knowing why. Now I know why. God brought me here. I am going home to try to win my family to Christ. Please pray for me.''

These were typical of many testimonies.

The conference was not without its play side either. An afternoon at the sea-side gave opportunity for swimming and beach games. A *hamaguri* (clam) gathering race was the event most enjoyed. Eleven groups participated in this. The women of the group show no signs of inferiority complex when it comes to collecting *hamaguri.* The winning group gathered over thirty pounds. Multiply that by eleven groups. *Hamaguri* soup was dished out by the dipperful the following day.

Field day held on the Middle School athletic field showed up some good athletes even among the girls. Stunt night in the girls' gymnasium the second evening of the conference unified the two hundred into a laughing group of acquaintances.

For a dining-hall we fixed up the big laundry drying-room behind the Girls' School. The tile roof kept off the August sun and rain, while the absence of walls gave free course to the breezes. This year the newly chosen social director, a young lawyer from Tainan, managed meal times so that each was a memorable social event. Few there were who did not do their bit in providing entertainment. Even ''pinky pinky pider, up de water pout,'' was heard.

The third conference is over. It would seem that the Christian Youth Movement is now under way. But it is still young. It needs the understanding and help and prayers of ''senior friends'', in Taiwan, Canada and elsewhere. Are there not some who would like to have a part in supporting the full time secretary we are thinking of appointing? Are there not young student Christian leaders in the colleges in Canada who would like to ''come over and help us?'' If you have the will, God will find the way.

The Third All-Formosa Youth Conference

By Miss Margaret M. Ramsay

''I WONDER if we will have many delegates this year; last year we had around 150, but perhaps there will be fewer this time.'' ''If more than 150 come, shall we have enough sleeping-room?'' ''I hope the weather will be good, for we want as many outdoor meetings as possible.''

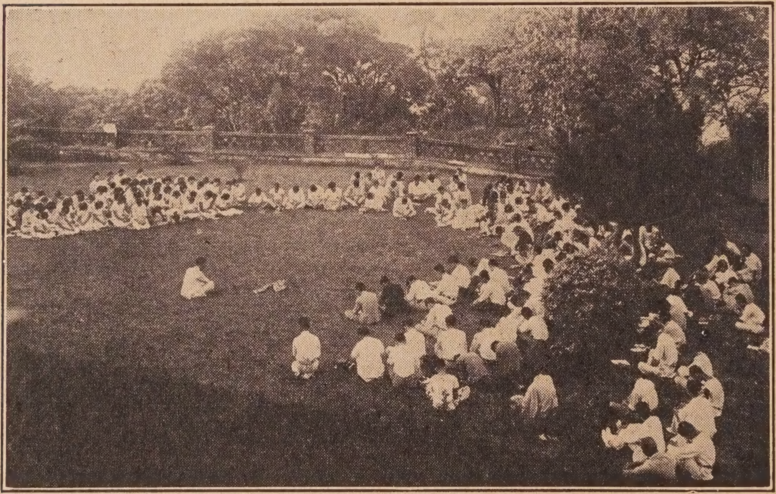
These and many similar remarks might have been heard for several days before the 12th of August, for, on that date, the third ALL-Formosa Youth Conference was scheduled to open in Tansui. Up until the morning of the 12th only 100 names had been registered, but by that evening well over the 150 of last year were there and before very long the 200 mark had been reached.

To some of us who were finding sleeping-room for this number came moments of anxiety, as we wondered just where we would put any extra that might come along. The first evening, just as the bell was rung for quietness and sleep, I was called out, to see an elderly woman and her daughter who were not registered but needed billets. An extra mat put into a not too crowded room seemed to please them, and I felt quite thankful that Formosan beds were so easily provided—a straw mat on the wooden floor was all that was necessary.

The ages of the ''young people'' varied greatly. In the Women's School where most of the women delegates were billeted, the oldest was over sixty and the youngest a baby of about eight months, and I think the latter gave the least trouble of all.

The days were very full ones, beginning with the rising bell at five-thirty. Then at six o'clock we all assembled at given places, outdoors, for our morning worship service. These meetings were in charge of one of our North Formosa pastors, and the uplifting thoughts which he gave us will long be remembered. Along with these were the earnest prayers from several people each morning, which spoke well for the spiritual atmosphere of this Youth conference.

Throughout the morning hours would be a Bible study period, followed by discussion groups of about fifteen to twenty men and women together, trying to find the everyday application of the Bible passages of the morning's study. It was interesting to visit among these groups and see and hear how they were dealing with such passages as Preparation for the Second Coming of Christ, the Anointing of Jesus, the Last Supper, and the Gethsemane Prayers. At the close of the Conference, reports from the various groups were given and seemed to prove interesting, but unfortunately I couldn't understand the language in which they were given. At some of the other morning periods were given theological lectures, a lecture on ''Living Creatures in the Sea'', ''The Oxford Group Movement'', ''Group Singing'', and others which seemed to prove of interest to all present. One or two afternoons were spent in outdoor games and



One of the early morning services on the lawn of the compound in Tansui, during the Conference.

races, etc., and although some could not take part, they were interested spectators of the activities of the others, which added greatly to the spirit of contest.

The evening meetings usually took some special form, and the first one was, naturally, a general introduction one of all the heads and leaders, and information about the Conference. The second evening was what I would term ''a get-together social'' and everyone seemed to have a real good time finding out who their neighbour was and from where. Friday afternoon and evening were spent at the seashore, when games and swimming were indulged in. One of the delegates who possessed a marvellous tenor voice sang several times, and just as the sun was sinking, seemingly into the ocean, the voice of praise was raised by all, truly a fitting tribute to the Creator and Giver of all things. On Sunday evening, a candle-lighting service was held in Tansui Church. At the front was one large candle symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World; from this light seven other candles were lit, signifying the Christian Church, and from these seven was carried light to set aflame the candles of all present. It was quite a symbolic service and I'm sure one message was impressed on the minds and hearts of all present that their duty was now to take their light and pass it on to some one else.

Sunday was our one bad day with regard to weather. There was a typhoon somewhere near and the wind was quite gusty and strong with occasional rain. However, these facts did not at all dampen the ardour of the young people, and the scheduled programme was carried out, a ''hike'' up to the top of Mt. Daitun, where services were held. The missionaries who were holidaying on the mountain top very graciously provided food for the group, and this was really no easy task, considering the difficulty in getting supplies and the great number of guests to provide for. A tired but happy crowd of young people arrived back in Tansui about 8.00 p.m. and as we watched them, a friend said to me, ''To-day we have seen the superb enthusiasm of youth.''

On Monday evening there was a camp-fire and, as the delegates were gathered around it, there was opportunity for giving testimony either of the conference or some special blessing, and then receiving the symbol of the fire to take back to their own places to keep the conference before them throughout the year. Prayer and praise had a great share in all the gatherings and it was certainly cheering to feel the fervour they all had for things spiritual and their zeal for great spiritual growth.

The next day, being the closing one, seemed rather sad, and when the time came for parting, one wished that the conference might continue for another week. At last, however, these fine specimens of Formosan youth left Tansui for their respective homes, each one adding as they said ''Good-bye'', ''Sayanara'', ''Peng-an'', or all three, ''I hope I'll see you again next year when we meet in Taichu,'' and in our hearts we hope so, too, and pray for even greater achievements in successive annual conferences, which if they continue in the spirit of this year, could not help but be successful in all ways, but, above all, spiritually.

Deaconess Designated

ON Wednesday evening, February 17th, an impressive service was held in Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario, for the purpose of designating Miss Mabel Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Booth, as a deaconess under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Miss Mabel Booth

The service which was under the auspices of the Presbytery of Toronto was, in the absence of the Moderator, in charge of Rev. J. B. Skene, Clerk of Presbytery. He was assisted by Rev. A. Gordon Macpherson, minister of Riverdale Church to which Miss Booth belongs, Rev. A. A. Lowther, of Jhansi, India, and Rev. W. M. Rochester, D.D. Mr. Macpherson delivered the address, speaking of the fulfilment of the prophecy of Daniel that God should set up a Kingdom which should never be destroyed. In contrast with the many temporal kingdoms that had arisen and fallen, there stood, he said, an everlasting Kingdom founded on love. As missionaries have given themselves to go forth into the world to preach the Gospel, now a member of his congregation was to go out to give herself to service in obedience to the command of a loving Saviour. Congratulating Miss Booth, he wished for her God's blessing in the great work on which she was entering. Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Secretary of the Deaconess Department of the Women's Missionary Society, then presented Miss Booth for designation. Since graduating in 1935 from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Miss Booth had served for a year in Toronto under the W.M.S. in the work among the Ukrainians. Now, Mrs. Mitchell said, she had been appointed to deaconess work in Saskatoon where she would, the Council Executive felt, give the best service of which she was capable for her Master and her Church. Mr. Skene then conducted the dedication service for the Presbytery, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the newly designated deaconess by the members of Presbytery who were present.

Mrs. A. C. Stewart, President, extended the greetings of the Toronto Presbyterial, expressing their pride in the new deaconess who had already given good service and would, they felt sure, make a great contribution to the life of the western city to which she was going. Representatives of several organizations in the congregation expressed their good wishes and made presentations to Miss Booth: Mrs. Mackenzie, for the Riverdale W.M.S. Auxiliary, giving her a copy of Dr. Moffatt's translation of the Bible; Mr. James Geddes, a beautiful camera, on behalf of the Young People's Society; the Young Women's Auxiliary, a Life Membership pin; and the C.G.I.T., a copy of Moffatt's translation of the New Testament.

The Little Black Boy

My mother bore me in the southern wild,
And I am black, but O my soul is white;
White as an angel is the English child,
But I am black, as if bereaved of light.

My mother taught me underneath a tree,
And, sitting down before the heat of day,
She took me on her lap and kissèd me,
And, pointing to the east, began to say:

''Look on the rising sun,—there God does live,
And gives His light, and gives His heat away;
And flowers and trees and beasts and men receive
Comfort in morning, joy in the noonday.

''And we are put on earth a little space,
That we may learn to bear the beams of love;
And these black bodies and this sunburnt face
Is but a cloud, and like a shady grove.

''For when our souls have learned the heat to bear,
The cloud will vanish, we shall hear His voice,
Saying: 'Come out from the grove, My love and care,
And round My golden tent like lambs rejoice'.''

Thus did my mother say, and kissèd me;
And thus I say to little English boy.
When I from black, and he from white cloud free,
And round the tent of God like lambs we joy,

I'll shade him from the heat, till he can bear
To lean in joy upon our Father's knee;
And then I'll stand and stroke his silver hair,
And be like him, and he will then love me.

—*William Blake.*

Prayer

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Let the inspiration of the Easter message tarry with us as a spiritual dynamic in our hearts, leading us forth into wider and more fruitful fields of service in the Master's vineyard. May our vision of the Cross never grow dim, but let its message ''Saved to Serve'' be ever present with us, instilling into our lives Christ's own spirit of self-surrender and sacrifice. O Holy Spirit, descend upon us with all Thy quickening and vitalizing power, as our hearts o'erflow with gratitude to God for His providential dealings with us. Dear Father in heaven, as we study Thy Truth may our interest in missionary work be deepened, so that we may attempt greater things for Thee, ever rejoicing in the honour of being co-labourers with Thee. O Spirit of the living God, enter into our hearts and lives, to rule there and to enable us to lay aside all that would hinder us in doing Thy will. Even as Thou hast taught us to say, ''Thy Kingdom Come'', we pray for the spread of the Gospel throughout the whole world. Bless and encourage the missionaries of the Cross everywhere, and may the seed sown amidst many difficulties bring forth an abundant harvest of lives reclaimed for Jesus our Saviour as they represent us at home and abroad.

Rule out of human hearts, in these days of unrest and anxiety, all that tends to increase a desire for waging war. Remove from our hearts all hatred, jealousy, selfish pride, and base subservience to self, giving place to Christian love expressing itself in deeds of pure self-sacrifice and the sweet tasks of love.

We pray for Thy divine blessing to rest upon the meetings of the Enlarged Council Executive and Presbyterial gatherings being planned at this time; and grant that the members of our missionary societies may become a strong body of Christian workers, faithfully endeavouring to promote Christ's Kingdom in all our congregations.

All this we ask in the name and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bible Schools in Manchuria

TWO short-term Bible schools were held recently in Manchuria by the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. Over fifty men, including many evangelists, gathered at Cheng Chia Tjun for six weeks' intensive Bible instruction. The evangelists showed progress in their knowledge of the Bible and in their spiritual lives. For the women's Bible school, Bible women and teachers attended from over seventeen centres and entered heartily into study of the Word.

The importance of these schools, in instructing and encouraging native evangelists, is apparent when it is realized that at present the mission has only two missionary families on the field, while throughout the same district the Roman Catholic Church has over 100 priests and nuns from Quebec. —From *Life of Faith* in
The Missionary Review of the World.

What the Home Helpers Department in One Congregation Has Done

AN appeal for increased interest in the Home Helpers Department of our Women's Missionary Society and for an effort to make the year 1937 an outstanding year in that Department of our work has been made by our faithful Secretary, Mrs. Logie.

By way of encouragement I wish to submit facts gleaned from the records of the Home Helpers Secretary in one of our larger churches, in which that department of our work has been carried on with marked success. This Secretary has been in charge for 10 years, 1927-1937, and during that time $2,713.24 has passed through her hands, contributed by the Home Helpers of that Church.

This has been made possible through the efforts of nine devoted Christian women, working with the Secretary. The collecting is done quarterly, regardless of cold or heat, rain or snow. The number of members has been as high as 123, and the largest amount collected in any year (1929) was $300.44. The average contribution per member has been as high as $2.40 for the year, and has never been below $2.00.

This Secretary and her workers are always on the lookout for new members to fill vacancies, and always ascertain whether a woman would be an Auxiliary member, before asking her to become a Home Helper.

Besides the wonderful help to the finances of our Women's Missionary Society this department has been a spiritual uplift.

The Home Helpers who gladly contribute in this way to the spreading of the Gospel, may God bless them.

—Mrs. Wilson, Secretary of Home Helpers,
First Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Christian Literature

The W.M.S. estimates for 1937 include $745.00 for grants to Christian Literature Societies in China, Manchuria, and Korea, to the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children, and for Literature for Hungarians in Canada and for Chinese in Saskatchewan.

THE present religious situation throughout the world reveals the pressing need for Christian literature. Important as the written word has always been in spreading and strengthening the Christian faith, never has the need for it been greater than now. With the stirring of new life among the peoples of all countries has come an unrest, a reaching out for more knowledge, a groping towards something that will satisfy the deeper needs of the individual and the community. Christian workers, whether missionary or national, are still far too few to be able to take advantage of all the opportunities the present situation offers; even more tragic than their powerlessness to reach all the groups in different districts who would listen to the Christian message is the inability to follow up the preaching of the Gospel with the care and instruction necessary to build up and strengthen the faith of new converts, especially those living in non-Christian communities. Perhaps nothing is harder for the Christian leader than this realization that large numbers of those who have listened sympathetically to his message cannot be cared for, so that the faith of converts and, still more, of the families of converts tends to weaken and die, because unnourished.

Christian Literature Societies, together with the Bible Societies, are perhaps the most important agencies trying to hold the ground won by mission and church in their advance into new territory. Through the distribution of the Bible, or portions of it, and of other literature much help is given, not only to those who are themselves able to read but also to others to whom they pass on what they learn. Such Societies have two problems to face: first, the production of wholesome literature, varied in form and subject matter to meet the needs of people of different ages, of different conditions, of different educational attainments, including much that can be sold very cheaply; and, second, the effective distribution of what has been prepared. In the matter of production advance is being made. The younger Churches are no longer having to depend altogether on what may be translated or adapted from writings of Western men and women, with their Western point of view, not necessarily suited to the East. More men and women of India, China and Japan, as of other countries, are writing, simply and clearly, attractive, interesting books, pamphlets, and articles for their own people. More attention is being given, too, to finding means of distributing this literature more widely, so that it can be available for people everywhere.

To a certain extent, the educated classes have been provided with books, magazines and papers, but there is great need for more provision for young people, and, especially, for reading matter in the vernacular for the village people. It is useless to teach people to read, if there is nothing for them to read. Many who learn soon lapse into illiteracy, because they have either nothing at all to read or nothing that interests them. It has been stated that one-third of all the children who learn to read in the primary schools of India slip back into illiteracy within five years after leaving school,—a lapse which doubtless could be largely prevented if suitable reading matter were available. *The Missionary Review of the World* quotes an appeal of Dr. Gandhi, as ''the chosen representative of the dumb millions living in villages,'' at a Literature Conference in Gujerat, India, for literary men ''to write books in simple language which they (the villagers) can understand.'' In another issue of the same magazine (February, 1937) reference is made to a series of simple readers issued in Urdu, for beginners and primary school children. ''This year 15,000 copies of the books were sold. Mission and government schools throughout the Punjab and the Central and United Provinces have adopted them. They have been translated into Hindi, and requests have been received for permission to translate them into three other important languages used in India.'' From the *Christian Advocate* comes this information: ''Under the supervision of Dr. E. Stanley Jones and those associated with him in the Ashram, a series of pamphlets and tracts on the Christian message is being prepared for mailing, month by month, to the leaders of the Depressed Classes and the aboriginal tribes of India, groups numbering perhaps 70,000,000 people. Among the first materials printed and mailed are: the Gospel of St. Luke, with helpful comments, and the story of Ditt, a humble Chuhra convert, who refused to be segregated in the mission compound, and led, under God, a mighty movement of his former caste fellows into the Christian Church.''

Christian Literature Societies in India, China and Japan are giving a great deal of attention to this need for simple vernacular literature, including material of practical interest in the everyday life of the villagers. The International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa publishes *Listen,* a paper for the village people, teachers and school children of Africa, material from which may be freely used in vernacular publications. No agency seems to be helping more effectively in these efforts to provide Christian literature for the peoples of Asia and Africa than the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children, which provides translation of books suitable for women and young people and itself issues periodical literature or helps to support Christian Literature Societies that publish such. The aim of this Committee whose work Dr. Zwemer described as ''undergirding the Christian home in every part of the non-Christian world'' is ''to create eventually an indigenous Christian Literature.''

The *Treasure Chest,* its magazine for young people, has had a wonderful success in India, in its English edition and in all the vernacular editions (nine, according to the latest report), as has the *Woman's Friend,* written simply enough to be intelligible to the village people. The Committee was encouraged to hear that the *Treasure Chest* had been sanctioned by the Government as the alternative text in rapid reading for the high schools of the Central Provinces and Berar. Its Chairman expresses the hope that Boards represented on the Committee may assume some responsibility for the vernacular editions of the magazine for their particular fields. In China this Committee, too, has given generous support to the Christian Literature Society in publishing the *Women's Messenger,* whose editor is Miss Mary Liu so highly spoken of by Mrs. Donald MacGillivray, and the children's magazine, *Happy Childhood,* edited by Mrs. MacGillivray until last year, which ''has been a blessing to the primary school teachers all over China.''

New appeals before the Committee are for help for the new magazine for village women in China, for an Arabic edition of the *Treasure Chest* for Egypt, and for a simple *Life of Christ* for the children of the Untouchables and the depressed classes, to sell for about two and a half cents.

In closing her report, Miss Butler expresses the Committee's gratitude for what it has been enabled to do ''in the feeding of the lambs of the flock, in the strengthening of the Christian home and in publishing the joy of the Lord.''

THE MINISTRY OF ART

A COMPARATIVELY new development in the work of Christian Literature Societies, especially of the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields, is that of publishing and distributing *pictures.* This aspect of their work is of immense value, not only in providing, at the smallest cost, interesting, artistic pictures which add colour and beauty to homes possessing little of it, but also in giving to children, as well as to adults who may not be able to read, the Gospel message pictorially. Just as in earlier ages the stories depicted in stained glass windows and in carving represented the *Bible of the people* who became familiar with the message therein, although they could not have read the Bible even if it had been available for them in written or printed form, so now, too, pictures may carry the Gospel truths to a home, and there serve as a constant reminder of the message which their owners may have heard.

In her last report Miss Butler, of the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children, says of this aspect of the work: ''The effort to supply Christian pictures at a price within the possibilities of the Indian villager has been progressing satisfactorily.'' In the first six months over 20,000 copies of the first picture, ''The Good Shepherd'', were sold.

''Would that it might be placed in every Christian home in India as a contradiction to the force and ferocity displayed in too many of the Hindu pictures! Consider the timeliness of the appearance of this picture. Just when the leaders of the sixty million Untouchables have astonished India and the world by declaring their intention of separating themselves from the Hinduism which has so debased them, denied them entrance into its temples, considered them outcasts beyond remedy, to seek a new religion, here comes this picture of Christ who in His own words represents Himself as the Shepherd leading His flock and carrying tenderly the weak little lamb. In India, as in Palestine of old, the shepherd leads his flock, so the teaching will easily be understood. If the Untouchables feel that they are without a leader, here is One who promises to guide them in the way; if they think they are too ignorant He declares Himself to be the Truth; and they can have a message from His own words, for did He not say, 'Other sheep have I which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, that there may be one fold and one Shepherd.' Truly, these Untouchables are His sheep, and we are grateful that our sub-committee in India selected for the first picture of this series this subject which gives such timely help to those who work for the Untouchables.'' Two others were issued for Easter, ''The Crucifixion'' and ''Easter Morn'', all selling at two and a half cents each. In the year and a half since this work was begun, 35,000 copies of these pictures have been distributed, it is reported. Later pictures are ''The Lost Sheep'' and ''Christ Blessing the Little Children''. The latter is the result of an award offered in twenty-six different papers of India for Biblical paintings—a contest open only to Indians—''our first attempt,'' Miss Butler says, ''to develop Indian Christian art in the simpler forms, the group around the Saviour being Indian children rather than the Western type or the Chinese, who would be very foreign to the Indian villager's eye.'' When given the award, a very modest sum, the lad, it is said, immediately turned and gave one-tenth of it as his tithe to Christian work. The Committee has been recently granted permission to publish ''The Living Christ'', by Miss Bertha Valerius. In the report the fact is stressed that all money for the picture work is being raised by personal solicitation, not from the contributions from the Board or the Day of Prayer offerings.

Day by day,
Dear Lord of Thee three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day.

—*Richard of Chichester, 13th Century.*

The Work of the Library Department Appreciated

Extracts from letters received by the Library Department.

Alberta

I MUST thank you for such a goodly supply of magazines and books. They are all good reading and will be welcomed by our people. Although this year, owing to the good crop, quite a few radios have come in and there are not quite so many demands for reading matter, I have quite a few and when I get time I will divide this lot and take them out to the various points.

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I was very glad to get such a splendid assortment of Sunday School papers, etc. I have so many Sunday Schools and Mission Bands, and in each they expect papers, and though we do order a few it does not nearly cover even the Sunday Schools, so I am glad always of any extras. I make up parcels for the women in each point, and they look forward to them, too. I see there are quite a number that I can use for them.

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The two parcels of Psalters reached me yesterday. To say that I was pleased is putting it mildly; I was delighted. Will you please convey to the W.M.S. our very deep appreciation of their kind consideration and assure them our congregation will remember their kind act?

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I am very pleased to report that your efforts on behalf of our Sunday School library were very successful. We have received parcels of books and literature from quite a number of places and about 300 good readable books have been added to our library. The Sunday School scholars are showing their appreciation by using them very freely. We are also supplying some country districts with books, where we can secure a responsible person to take charge of them. There is no other library in the town and with a population of about 750 we would need a still larger library if the needs were fully met. The magazines have been in great demand, as also the Sunday School papers. We have supplied several lumber camps with literature. One camp boss, in expressing his appreciation, said that last winter they were practically without reading matter all winter. Some books were too dilapidated and ancient to be of much use, which, if the carrying charges had to be paid, would hardly be worth sending out. Please convey to your Provincial Executive the thanks of our congregation and Sunday School for the help they have given us and assure them that in our opinion the Library branch of their work is rendering a valuable service.

Manitoba

The box of magazines and little clothes has just arrived and I wish to thank you so much for your kindness. We enjoy the reading material so much and have no trouble distributing the clothes. . . You dear people in the east have surely been so kind to us. I do pray God will bless you all for your sacrificing spirit and He surely will, for we read His promise in His ''blessed Book''—''For inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me.''

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The box of Hymn Books arrived yesterday and what a grand box it is. We are so glad to have the books, and Bibles are always useful as in the town Mission Bands so many of the children . . . just love to have a Bible of their own. Everything is fine, but those wonderful magazines are the best of all; we shall read them and lend them and so many people will get a very great deal of pleasure from them. In a place like this we seldom see such good literature and we want to thank you very much, indeed, for sending us so splendid a present and for all your kind thought of us.

Ontario

Please convey to the Auxiliary my sincere thanks for the lovely package of Christmas cards, also the book of cards, which they so kindly sent me, as well as the many bundles of papers they have sent during the past year. They bring more pleasure than I can tell you and I pass them along to others who do not get many Sunday School papers or cards. Even the pattern books were a treat, as we do not see many outside the mail order catalogues.

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One of the pleasures we have here to break our monotonous days is the coming of a parcel from Eaton's or the Hudson Bay. So what would you think of getting a nice parcel like the one you sent to give away? I am really fond of giving. Will you thank the Auxiliary for me for the scrap books, cards, and book? I am using that lovely Christmas Carol for a Bible prize. The scrap books are going to four small children who are ready for school next year.

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Many thanks for the box of books. The people up here are very thankful to get reading matter. Some of them are too poor to subscribe for any paper, so you will have some idea how welcome the books are. All of the magazines and papers we get ourselves we pass on to our neighbours. Our community is not very large, but they are very poor. But they certainly appreciate anything that is done for them.

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Thanks so much for your papers and magazines. I had just gathered up all I had and sent them out to others, and was so pleased to receive them from you, as we do not get out very much in winter and something to read is always very welcome around here. Again thank you most sincerely.

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We received your carton of literature for our camp for which we thank you on behalf of our employees and hope that you will be able to send us some more at a later date.

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I wish to thank you on behalf of the foreman, myself and the men of this camp for the sack of magazines and papers which you sent us and which was received a few days ago.

Saskatchewan

The books and the magazines have provided us with a good start for a church library. The children of the Sunday School and the members of the congregation have access to them, and your Society would feel amply repaid for their efforts, if they could see the eagerness with which the books and magazines are received. By this means all have the opportunity to read them. It encourages them, also, to know that your Society has an interest in them. Will you please convey our deep appreciation to the members of the Women's Missionary Society?

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I wish to thank you for those nice magazines. . . . Those *Challenge* and *Young Canada* proved a real treasure store to a little son of mine who had an operation six months ago and has never quite recovered. He has to spend a lot of time in bed, and they will help him pass away time and last a long time for him, too.

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The literature was received and we were very thankful to get it, especially the Sunday School papers and other religious material. It has been divided into bundles—one for each family—and distributed. The other magazines are passed from home to home for all who wish to read. So it will be made good use of, more so as the winter comes on. Thank you again for your kindness and trouble.

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I should like to thank you very much for the magazines you sent me. I just finished reading the *Glad Tidings* last week and must say I never realized before what a wonderful work the Presbyterian missions are doing. I have been too busy lately to do very much reading and will put the other books by until I have a little more time. We are just facing our fourth complete failure in five years and I can tell you the first year or so I used to feel so miserable about things, but then the Presbyterian Aid sent some clothing and things for the children and it surely made a difference. Apart from the help we have had in this way is the feeling it gives you to know that some one else is interested and ready to help in our troubles. I have five children under eight years old and we all have very much to be grateful for. I received a lovely layette for my baby while I was in hospital, also toys and books that came in time for the children's stockings last Christmas. The clothing I have had has all been used to the best advantage as I have three small girls under four years so that anything at all will make something for one of them and I am pretty good at making over.

The Interpreter

I am an alien here and yet
I think as other people do,
I love as others everywhere.
To fullness of life I also aspire
And long for friends who understand.
Far from home, alone and strange . . .
Behind a wall of language new and customs strange to me.
Is there no little open gate
Where I may enter in
To play and sing with you,
To laugh and love and live with you,
To work and learn and strive with you,
To add my gifts to yours, and build with you
A better world and larger life?

I am the new Canadian,
No longer alien here,
For I have found the gate that's in the wall.
To me upon one golden day
There came a friend.
She knew my thoughts and ways,
She was the Key
To fit the long-locked door.
She led me in.
And now
I speak your tongue, I think your thoughts;
I add my gifts to yours, and help you build
The world anew in this our Canada.

—*Elizabeth Russell Hendee.*

Many a woman has a talent for friendship with young people—a power, with limitless possibilities, to draw girls into practical life service and to help them see the needs of girls like themselves who do not have the liberty and joy that Jesus Christ brings. —*Selected.*

What to Read

By Margaret Ness

Little Kin Chan. A delightful story for Junior girls about a little Japanese girl and her dog. Price 40 cents.

Vagabond Wong. An excellent story for Junior boys about a Chinese boy and his English companion. Price 40 cents.

Shaping the Future, by Basil Mathews. Price 75 cents.

The Clash of Colour, by Basil Mathews. A study in the problems of race. Revised. Price 70 cents.

The Untouchables' Quest. ''A thought-provoking book'' about the new and almost overpowering evangelistic opportunity in India. Price 35 cents.

In Green Pastures. A Devotional book of prayers. Price 75 cents.

Finding Men for Christ. Ten stories about real people with whom a clergyman-author made contacts in the slums of England. Price 35 cents.

God in the Everyday, God in the Shadows, God in the Slums, Kingdom Come. All by Hugh Redwood. Price 35 cents each.

The Way of the Witnesses. A New Testament study in missionary motive. Price 70 cents.

Since 1761. The new Study Book for Girls' Organizations, but so arranged as to be of interest to adult groups as well. Price 35 cents.

They Went Forth. Stories of courage and daring about our ''Ambassadors for Christ'': John Geddie, James MacGregor, John Black, George Leslie Mackay, James Nisbet, John Wilkie, James Robertson, Caroline Macdonald, Jonathan Goforth, W. J. McKenzie. Price $1.50.

Agnes Sorrel Forbes. Pioneer to the Peace River District. Price 10 cents.

NEW LEAFLETS

Undergirding the Christian Home, by Miss Butler, of the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children. A very powerful discussion. Price 5 cents.

Use of Leisure Time. Price 5 cents.

Four Parables for Mothers and Workers. (Recommended by Mrs. Riddell). Price 2 cents.

A Burglar and a Blue Book. A story about India for children. Price 3 cents.

How Thanksgiving Came Twice to Saga. A Japanese story for children. Price 3 cents.

Prayer as a Missionary Method. Price 5 cents.

When We Worship. Price 5 cents.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PROVIDING LITERATURE

THE success that has crowned missionary efforts in promoting literacy has in it to-day elements of danger, for the demand for books is outstripping the supply. ''Do the missions realize the desire of the people for reading matter?'' asked a British police officer from Northern Rhodesia. ''My men will read anything I can give them, but where are the vernacular books for them? Recently I was responsible for placing pickets to control movements of cattle over a wide area, and the men had little to do and got restive. I sent to the nearest mission and bought up anything I could get in the way of vernacular books and primers, and sent them out to my men. I had no more trouble with them, and at the end of that bit of police duty several had taught themselves to read. Where are the books to meet the demand and what are the missions doing about it? Whatever they are doing appears to be inadequate? Do they realize the great opportunity to provide good literature? You should see the worthless and harmful stuff coming through the mails to men in the mines! Will not the missions rise to the occasion and make adequate plans in co-operation with each other?''

—Miss Margaret Wrong in
Women and Missions.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Provincial Societies:

Alberta.—Edmonton, April 6, 7.
British Columbia.—Vancouver, April 13, 14, 15.
Manitoba.—Winnipeg, May 5, 6.
Ontario.—London, April 20, 21, 22.
Quebec.—Sherbrooke, April 20.
Saskatchewan.—Saskatoon, March 31, April 1.

The Enlarged Council Executive meeting will be held in the Canadian School of Missions, 97 St. George Street, Toronto, on May 25th and following days.

Lord of the far horizons
Give us the eyes to see
Over the verge of sundown
The beauty that is to be.
Give us the skill to fashion
The task of Thy command,
Eager to follow the pattern
We may not understand.

—*Bliss Carman.*

Communists and the Bible

NOT far from Paris is the large industrial city of A—. It is an active centre of Communism. My attention was attracted by the experiment being made there by a Chevalier of Peace who had been called to A— as pastor. He opened a hall to which he invited leading Communists for discussion with his friends and himself about spiritual and social problems. Numerous Communists accepted his invitation. As many as forty to fifty came to attend the meetings. The spirit of the gatherings was splendid. I have seen for myself how seriously and penetratingly these French Communists presented the tragedy of the working class.

Now, since Pastor X. was repeatedly citing the Bible, some of his hearers asked how they could procure copies of it. Thereupon Bibles were distributed among them.

Some weeks later, during a discussion, a Communist rose to his feet and declared that he had read the story of this Jesus, and had found in the line taken by Him, as well as in certain epistles written by the apostles, a Communist doctrine so magnificent that if it were applied generally, earth would be a paradise. He insisted that he had never encountered anything so astounding in the way of personality and devotion to the social movement. ''There,'' he cried, ''you have a true man.''

These meetings were continued, and I know of people of note in the French Protestant world who have been to A—. Then when my friend left for another town, this effort had to be suspended. But the lesson remains.

In France, Communism is above all things anti-clerical; that is to say, it is frontally opposed to any policy of allowing all power to the Romanist clergy. On the other hand, the Communists are very sympathetic to the Protestants, and at this very time Bibles and New Testaments by the thousand are being sold and distributed in France. We have no right to despise those who have been ensnared by extreme theories; we have instead the duty of loving them more, if that is possible, in the name of Him who was always moved with compassion in presence of the multitude.

—Capitaine Etienne Bach in *Life and Work.*

God might send His angels to fly in the midst of the heavens and proclaim the everlasting Gospel, but what would become of the believer? He would be a dwarf and a cripple. The reflex influence of evangelistic effort upon the Church itself is scarcely less important and valuable than the direct influence upon unsaved souls.

—A. T. PIERSON, *The Missionary Review of the World.*

OUR LETTER BOX

Sowing Seed in Formosa

Phoà-pò-o, Formosa.

THE brown suede bag given me before I returned to Formosa has been my constant companion ever since. It used to go up to the Middle School, and now it carries my Bible and hymn-book, purse, pen, glasses, etc. Our Formosan Bible is a bulky book and the bag has all it can do to shut sometimes.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the North Formosa Women's Presbyterian Missionary Society in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mackay as missionaries to Formosa.

Yesterday morning we got off a train and made a bee-line for our bus, due to go in five minutes. The next passenger was a man with a huge basket of vegetables, which he deposited at the back to the probable discomfort of later comers, himself sitting down at the front and stretching himself out at ease. Mr. Mackay asked him how far he was going and, having answered that question, he asked us what our business was. Mr. Mackay said: Preaching the Gospel, showing his club bag back under the seat, as he spoke. The man felt the club bag was accounted for, but fastened a questioning eye on my brown bag which was on my knee. I took out my Bible, handing it across to him. He opened it with some interest, but was glad to get rid of it gracefully by passing it across for Mr. Mackay to read a passage. The driver and conductor and one or two others were on in time to listen in, which they did with apparent pleasure, and we did not delay the bus in starting, either.

The sugar plantation at whose office we are staying, by the kind invitation of the owner, is in a long valley of the Gî-lân Plain which not many years ago was all long grass, and a prowling ground for savages. We spent last night at another office of the same company, and after breakfast this morning went round the works with the young office man who is a Middle School graduate. Thinking we were just going round the buildings, I left my bag in the office. But the party headed off to visit a Pepohoan family living near at hand. I stopped outside watching a young woman stripping bark from hemp fibre. After talking hemp for some time, I tried to turn the subject by saying that I was out planting seed. The woman had very sore eyes, but she looked up in her surprise and said, ''What seed?'' I told her I had left my seed bag behind (meaning my brown bag), but tried to teach her a short prayer. A man came along and she said in a helpless sort of fashion, ''I don't know what she's talking about.'' We both laughed, but I told her if she would listen she would find out. Here I was called in to where the men were having singing and prayer with the men inside. As we left, I found the sore-eyed girl listening in behind the others.

There are happy prospects ahead of us this year. We hope that little Mission Bands will be springing up here and there as we go about. At the annual meeting of the Formosa W.M.S. I had a good chance to scatter some seeds, some of which are already sprouting. My husband finds great exhilaration in the country work so far.

—(Mrs. G. W.) Jean R. Mackay.

A New Bible Woman

Jhansi, India.

I THINK I told you I was trying to get a Bible woman. I finally succeeded. She seems to be a very nice girl and very earnest. I have only heard her speak once, as she has been going out with Mrs. Cheshire's Bible woman while I have been busy. She is just out of Bible school and is a little shy yet. I am sure she is going to be all right; she is not afraid of work and helps in many ways. She is teaching a girl to read and write now. This girl, who has not been going to school, is now helping at the orphanage. She is from Isagarh. Her mother is a widow and not able to keep her and as she is getting to be quite a big girl Mrs. Hawtin was quite anxious about her. Her mother is not able to watch her and in India it is not safe for young girls to run about with too much freedom. I took her in on trial and we are teaching her to read, so that she can at least read her Bible. She has been with us a week. She seems to be quite happy and is helping a lot at the orphanage. Miss Stringer has taken the sister in the school. There is only one year's difference in their ages, but it was impossible to take the older girl into the school.

Elizabeth, the Bible woman, also helps me with the sewing. When I wrote and asked her to come, I told her that she would be expected to help in other ways, as there were times when I could not go out and do evangelistic work. She said she would be very glad to do anything she could. It is a great comfort having some one to go out with me. We are going out this afternoon and from now on I expect to be out almost every afternoon. I cannot go in the morning as I am busy otherwise, especially now as I have started having prayers and Bible study every morning with the Christian women. I enjoy this meeting so much; the women seem to like to come and really enjoy it, too. I wonder how many at home would be willing to give a full hour every morning to come to a meeting, I know I did not do it myself. Of course, it is different at home, we have to admit. It is only the women on the compound who come to this meeting, except occasionally when maybe some one from outside will come for medicine. We have the meeting at the dispensary from nine to ten; before that I have the meeting for the non-Christian women. It is no use going out to the villages after ten, so we go in the afternoon.

—*Lily Simpson.*

News from British Guiana

New Amsterdam, British Guiana.

I KNOW that you are most anxious of all to hear about the work here in British Guiana. Berbice is definitely Mr. Dunn's field and I have covered all his stations with him on several occasions, but I spend most of my time in New Amsterdam. We have both been to a few stations in Demerara, but as yet we know absolutely nothing about Essequibo. . . . Mr. Dunn seems to have an impossible amount of work to do—more than it is humanly possible for one man to do and do well. However, whenever I am inclined to think this, I straightway remind myself that Mr. Marshall's task is ever so many times greater. As a matter of fact, I know of no one who could do the work as Mr. Marshall has been and is doing it. . . Our Church owes a great deal to Mr. Marshall—much more I am afraid than the people in Canada realize. Almost every day I am learning of some new thing for which we have to thank him. Our Church here in British Guiana is making great headway under his able guidance.

It is lovely for me to have Miss Davies living so near us. . . . Her work in the school keeps her very busy, but she still has time for many things in connection with the Church. She does a great deal of the visiting in the homes here in New Amsterdam and nearby small centres; she has a flourishing Sunday School, a class that would correspond to the C.G.I.T., and still she finds time to give me a helping hand with a girls' class, or perhaps I should say a young women's class. There are very few white people here and most of them are not interested in the things Miss Davies and I are, so for that reason, too, we spend a great deal of time together. . . . Things are in such a backward state here; the people live in such a wretched fashion and have so little in the way of material things or possessions. They never need want for food; it costs them but a few pence a day to live; a house is not an absolute necessity; all they need is a bit of shelter from the rain, and clothes cost so little. They are happy, too, and do not feel sorry for themselves, so I am learning now, too, not to pity them. The people we work among, the East Indians, . . . do not yet believe in educating their children, especially their girls. I can assure you there is a great need for a woman worker up the Corentyne coast way. Miss Davies, of course, cannot get up there except on very rare occasions and I am the only other one here who could be of any service. I have my home to attend to, but the few times I have been up with Mr. Dunn I have had the feeling that some such work was expected of me. Many men have spoken to me about visiting the women in their homes and talking with them. The Mission Council would like to get a couple more girls to train as deaconesses, as Miss Storey is doing with Miss Janki and Miss Debedin. Miss Davies and I have looked around for girls from here, but as yet we have found none who fulfil the requirements. We should like an East Indian, of course, and any we have thought might be suitable would not be allowed to leave the protection of their homes. I feel that if only we had a woman who was able to give all her energy and attention to these women much could be done for our Church here and for the women themselves. I am sure a properly trained girl would receive a very cordial welcome in practically all the homes. Miss Storey with her two deaconesses is making wonderful progress in and around Georgetown. I can think of no reason why as much could not be done in the Berbice field, especially in and around New Amsterdam. . . .

The work is really very interesting here, even if the weather is a bit trying at times. . . . However, such a climate has its compensations—we have no big fuel bills and no heavy clothing to worry about. Our house is very comfortable and is, I think, the coolest one in all British Guiana, at least of the ones I have been in. . . .

—(Mrs.) Frances E. Dunn.

With Miss Scott in New Westminster

New Westminster, B.C.

THE month of December was crowded with Christmas preparations; I had practices with the girls in St. Stephen's, and work meetings with the girls in St. Aidan's, helped at St. Stephen's bazaar, besides taking part in Auxiliary meetings, and the other regular work I do in several organizations. There were, in all, 29 calls to make. The weather in December was anything but favourable for getting around, as we had a lot of rain.

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At St. Stephen's Miss Ronald, who helped me with the Juniors at Vacation Bible School, has the class of girls next to mine, the Intermediates. We asked our classes if they would like to go together in getting up a play for the Sunday School concert. It proved to be an acceptable idea, as they all know each other and have been together in C.G.I.T. So we began practices for a little play called "Queen Christmas". From then on Miss Ronald and I were certainly busy. . . . When the day arrived, however, their play was quite well done and very pretty. . . .

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My C.G.I.T. Group at St. Aidan's had a busy time all December preparing a Christmas treat for three shut-ins belonging to the Church. We learned carols and made decorations for three little Christmas trees at our meetings, and on the Wednesday before Christmas we met at the Church hall at five o'clock and tied up in red cellophane little parcels of goodies and the gifts they had made. This finished the decorating of the trees. Then we went out on our first call to an old lady. We sang for her, gave her the tree and gifts, and left her so pleased and excited. She had heard that we were coming and was ready for us, all dressed up in her best. The little tree still stands on the table of her front room, trying to look gay with its red and green paper chains and strung white popcorn. The night turned colder with a fine drizzle of rain, but we managed to get around. Our next call was on a dear soul who has been in a wheel chair ever since she was seven years old, and then to a good friend of St. Aidan's Church who has been shut in the house nearly as long as I have been here. After our visits were made, we came back to the hall and ended up with games and a happy little time of our own. I think the best part of it all to the girls was dressing up those little trees before we went out. They did look gay and pretty. . . .

The Christmas preparations this year were really very happy ones in both the Churches, and I believe the contacts have helped a lot in uniting us for further efforts in the days to come. Miss Ronald and I gave our girls a party right after the New Year. We wanted them to know how we appreciated their fine co-operation at Christmas time. We had it at her home, and the girls did have a lovely evening together. They are dear girls, every one of them, and I am hoping and praying for a rich harvest among them.

My class of senior girls in St. Stephen's is a joy every Sunday morning. . . .

My Mission Band at St. Andrew's closed the year with a very good report. We are not so many this year, but we now have nine members in good standing. They attended well last year. . . . I want to emphasize the fact that they belong to the big W.M.S. whose interest centres in the missionary work of the Church.

—*Shirley V. Scott.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

"I could have made a better world,"
A cynic to a saint once cried.
"And that is why God put thee here;
Go forth and do it," he replied.

—*Max Reich.*

WANTED — A YOUNG WOMAN

A YOUNG woman who can see visions; who can feel things; who can be stirred deeply by needs; who will refuse to be complacent where chaos reigns; who suffers when a good cause suffers; who says it is too bad about bad conditions, and who means to her heart's core what she says; who believes with all her might that dead organizations and lame methods and indifferent people and languishing enterprises and untouched opportunities need not remain such; who never despairs over any situation; who has insight; who sees the way out, or is out seeking the way; who dares to say, "I know", on the basis of her faith; who is always sure, but not dead sure; who spreads a contagion of hopefulness wherever she goes.

WANTED

A young woman to see and feel and believe in things. A young woman who can do things, and does them every time she gets the chance; who, having seen a worthy end, works toward it, though it be ten thousand miles away; who cannot stand to know of good things left undone; who believes that anything worth believing in is worth working for; who marshals forces, and produces forces where they are not at hand; who has a knack or is hunting one; who, charged with energy, charges others;

who puts ginger into all she sets at, and leaves out the mustard and vinegar; who is all on fire, yet never scorches people; who is humble enough to accept ''nobody's business'' as her business; who says, ''Come on, let's do it!'' and then does it, whether anybody comes or not; who takes hold, and lets go only for a new hold; who undertakes all she ought, neglecting to ask whether she can.

WANTED

A young woman to do things, to do them hard and long and to do them to-day. With one such young woman or someone like her in each group, what could not the Women's Missionary Society accomplish? One is a host. There is no group so dead that one cannot bring it back to life and set it upon a divine ministry.

How is it in your group? Perhaps the ranks are not so crowded but that you yourself might slip into this place?

—*Adapted.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

These are the things I prize
And hold of dearest worth:
Light of the sapphire skies,
Peace of the silent hills,
Shelter of forests, comfort of the grass,
Music of the birds, murmur of little rills,
Shadows of cloud that swiftly pass,
And, after showers,
The smell of flowers
And of the good brown earth—

. . . .

Then gently fall on sleep,
And breathe my body back to Nature's care,
My spirit out to Thee, God of the open air.

—*Henry Van Dyke.*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

THE snow is still on the ground, there is a frosty tang to the air, but the sun is shining, the days are longer, and there is more than a hint of spring in the world around us; and somehow our thoughts turn to the long summer days and camp,—camp and the meeting of new friends and the renewal of old acquaintances. The various activities, the healthful zest of open-air life, all seem to draw us to the great out-of-doors.

All over the country preparations are being made for our summer camps and I hope that this year more girls will make up their minds to have a camp holiday than ever before. If you have never been to camp, you don't know what you have missed; if you have I know that you are longing to be there again this year. It is good to be away from the artificial life of the city, to get close to Nature, to learn a little of her multitudinous secrets, to see the stars without an intervening smoke screen, to learn something of the habits of the birds, to know the trees and, above all, to realize the friendliness of Mother Earth. The discussion groups are always helpful, and we find that other people are facing the problems that we thought were only faced by us. The Bible study groups help us to discover new beauty and truth in the old Book, and we catch a vision of a wider and more useful life. We learn to live with other people at close quarters, which is very helpful in reducing our ideas of our importance to nearly their proper place.

No holiday you may plan will give you greater results in better health and clearer thinking than a stay at one of the many camps from Sydney to B.C. Why not plan to be one of our campers this summer?

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

DAYLIGHT HOURS WITH BHIL ORPHANS

By Miss Iris Errey

FOR most well and healthy people daybreak comes too soon, but not so for the kiddies in the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home. Long before it is light one can hear voices carrying on a conversation. Ruth is soon astir and lifting the younger ones out of their cots, while the older ones scramble down without assistance. In the meantime Cheni Bai is getting breakfast and Jiwan is attending to our youngest and latest baby girl, Ashawanti, who is now four months old. In a short time all the kiddies are sitting in a semi-circle with faces shining and hair brushed, ready for their porridge and cup of hot milk. All eyes are closed and everyone quiet, for Ruth is going to say a little prayer.

At 7 o'clock garden tools, boxes, tins, and other things are sorted through and each one has something in hand to start the day's play. Before long there is a general exchange. Kamala takes possession of the hoe with which Mangal was playing. Paul has found a tin that he can fill with sand. Kisan has decided to swing, so the rake is lying in the sand ready for the next ambitious gardener. These days they are finding great joy in pieces of wood that the carpenter is throwing aside.

Each child is given cod liver oil and a cup of milk at 9.30 o'clock. Then for an hour we sing, count, recite, and have a playful exercise with bells. This is great fun for sometimes one or two tumble over when one foot is lifted from the ground and one hand has to go up above the head. We all have to laugh, and this breaks up our morning school hour. While the children play we will visit the back verandah where big and little folk wait for attention. We may find sore eyes, burns, sores, boils, while some may need a dose of quinine or castor oil.

Lunch of whole wheat bread and boiled *dal* with vegetables is followed by rest until 3 o'clock. Then the children are awake and ready for baths and clean clothes. Clean-up time is great sport because, when the weather is fine, Ruth takes them to the river where they have a good chance to play in shallow water. Falls don't matter as the river-bed is sand.

Somehow little tots get hungry often. When they return from the river, milk, raw carrots or *ghur* (sugar) await them. For an extra treat there is candy. Afternoon is now well on the way and so again we must attend to any school children who have come for medicine or treatment. Soon it will be dark, and supper time has come. To-night there is rice, pudding, eggs and milk. Just a bit more play before going to bed? And now dusk has fallen, so we all say ''Good-night.''

NOTE:—We hope to publish a Coronation service for Mission Bands in the May *Glad Tidings.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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EDMONTON P.S.—''As into the weaving and printing of a piece of cloth go hours of planning and the careful manipulation of threads and dyes, so into our four years of service together have gone long hours of careful study, days of working toward a common goal, as we have made our imprints in the pattern of service we have given to our various churches and communities.'' Thus spoke Mrs. H. Sykes, retiring President, at the twenty-third annual Presbyterial meeting held in First Church, Edmonton. Mrs. N. B. Moors, newly elected President, presided at the day sessions.

The reports revealed a year of marked advancement and a keener interest taken in this work. This has been particularly noticed in the work of the young people. One new Auxiliary was reported at Blueberry Mountain. Very encouraging reports come from Grande Prairie, where two new Associate Societies were formed and another in the Brownvale district. The Mission Band Secretary reported eight new Bands, many of them in the farthest points served by the Church; the efforts of many Bands brought joy and cheer to many little children who otherwise would have had no Christmas. The Young Women's and Girls' groups have been busy, particularly the Y.W.M.S. of First Church, Edmonton. These groups provide layettes, food and clothing for needy families and carry a spirit of good cheer into many cheerless homes. The Home Helpers Department showed more than $300.00 raised, the number of Home Helpers being 182. The Literature, *Glad Tidings,* Supply, Welcome and Welfare, and Exchange Departments showed excellent progress. The Library Department meets a great need among those living in outlying districts; 1,758 pounds of books and papers had been sent out. The Treasurer's report was most encouraging, showing the allocation had been fully met.

The evening session, at which Mrs. A. K. Southen presided, took the form of an entertainment sponsored by the young people. Two lovely pageants were presented, ''Lighting Candles in Gwalior'', by the Rupert Street young people, and ''Gifts for the King'', by the Strathcona young people.

Calgary P.S.—A unique little service was conducted by Rev. A. Bright at the morning service on February 14th for the Helen Miller Mission Band of Grace Church, Calgary. With the assistance of Mrs. J. A. Caldwell and Mrs. H. A. M. Graham, Band leaders, prizes were presented to the winners in the Bible reading contest. Mr. Bright then gave an encouraging message to the children and installed the new officers.

The February meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary was in charge of Group 6. Excellent papers were read by Mrs. J. W. Fahrner on ''What our Society is doing in the Home-land'' and by Mrs. W. G. Gartshore on ''What our Society is doing in the Foreign Field''. Both papers revealed a wonderful programme of progress and a campaign of soul-saving energy, with a call for more labourers for the vineyard.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER P.S.—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial Society has had to be indefinitely postponed, owing to prevalent illness, the President, Mrs. Fowlie, being one affected. Also weather conditions and consequent transportation difficulties were factors leading to this postponement.

A special feature of a recent meeting of Fairview W.M.S. Auxiliary, Vancouver, was the appearance of a group of girls and boys from the Chinese kindergarten who sang in their own language and in English. A display of curios and Chinese tea and cakes served by Miss Ruth Yeandle and Mrs. Louie were also interesting parts of the programme arranged by Miss Yeandle of the kindergarten. Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of

Chinese work in Canada under our Church, outlined the history of the mission from early days to the present, mentioning its steady growth owing to increase in the Chinese population, with consequent demands on the workers' interest and responsibility.

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WINNIPEG P.S.—The Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer service conducted by the Winnipeg Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church on January 22nd, Mrs. W. J. Martin in the chair. All the Auxiliaries took part in the meeting and Rev. N. G. Smith, of Norwood, gave an address on "The Work of Faith, the Labour of Love and the Patience of Hope."

At the meeting of Norwood W.M.S. Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. J. Rogers a large attendance greeted Dr. Jessie MacBean, who gave a very interesting résumé of her work in China, as well as a word picture of her visit to the Leper Colony.

The Caroline Macdonald Service Club spent a pleasant evening with Dr. Jessie MacBean as their guest. She gave them an account of her medical work in China.

First Church W.M.S. Auxiliary, Winnipeg, has this year adopted a plan similar to that used in some Societies in the East, that is, forming groups with leaders. All the members are included in the groups and each group will be responsible for one programme in the year. Members will try to get new members for their groups. Thus they hope to add to their membership, create greater interest, and have variety in the programmes. For the Bible study they have chosen the journeys of our Lord, as told in the Gospels and as described in the book *In the Steps of the Master,* by H. V. Morton. They plan to use maps as much as possible.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Winnipeg Presbyterial was held in St. James Church on February 24th and 25th. Mrs. W. J. Martin, first Vice-President, presided at all sessions.

At the opening session the devotions were taken by St. James Auxiliary. Greetings from sister Societies were brought by Mrs. R. O. Taylor of the Anglican Diocesan Board, Mrs. J. R. McDonald of the Baptist W.M.S., and Mrs. A. W. Robinson of the United Church, and from the Manitoba Provincial Society by Mrs. J. S. Flook. In her address the President reviewed the year's work and urged the members to further effort. Mrs. A. M. L. Long, in her address on "Formosa—our work past and present", reviewed the work from the time of the arrival of Rev. George Leslie Mackay. Choruses by the Mission Bands of Calvin and St. John's Churches were much enjoyed. Supper was served in the Church hall, at which the members of Presbytery were present. The address of welcome to the delegates was given by Mrs. Digby Wheeler of St. James, and replied to by Mrs. J. R. McDonald of Old Kildonan.

Members of the Presbytery of Winnipeg conducted the evening devotions, the Rev. Gordon MacLean, of First Church, Winnipeg, bringing greetings. The speaker was Rev. J. Forbes Wedderburn of First Church, Brandon, who emphasized three points: that the Church of to-day dare not neglect her missionary duties; that there is a call in every land for straightforward preaching of the Gospel, and that the task of the W.M.S., with its strong influence in the home and the Church, was to maintain and build up the Christian civilization.

Thursday morning's devotions were taken by First Church Auxiliary. After the remaining reports were heard, Miss Barbara Smith, Secretary of the Student Christian Movement Executive, reviewed the growth of the Movement, and declared there is a strong spiritual side being developed in student life in the university. After the afternoon devotions, taken by the Norwood Auxiliary, Mr. Cyril Troyer gave an address on his mission work in East Selkirk and Gonor, paying tribute to the young people for their loyalty and work. Mrs. F. A. Gemmel gave the installation prayer. The closing words by Mrs. G. Neville, the singing of the national anthem, and prayer by Mrs. J. Campbell, brought a most interesting and enjoyable meeting to a close.

ONTARIO

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PROVINCIAL annual meeting, New St. James Church, London, April 20, 21, 22.

Programme Highlights.—On Young People's night, Tuesday, April 20th, Miss Ellen Douglas, on furlough from India, will give an address; on Wednesday evening, Rev. E. A. Wright, formerly of the Peace River, will give the address.

Railway Information.—Going tickets and certificates will be issued from April 15th to 21st; validated certificates will be honoured for return tickets up to and ineluding April 25th. Delegates must buy single first-class tickets, asking at time of purchase for standard certificate.

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The annual meeting of Hamilton Presbyterial in St. John's Church, Hamilton, was presided over by Miss B. Armstrong. Reports were encouraging, givings increased $200.00 over those of 1935. Rev. E. A. Wright in his address described work in the Peace River district in earlier days and now. He said some worshippers drive sixty miles to church and consider it a privilege to do so. Rev. Dr. S. M. Erickson, of the American Presbyterian Church in Japan, said: ''If you want to keep the work in Japan, get busy at home, make Canada Christian. Pennies will not bring the world to Christ; we must give our tenth and more.'' Rev. J. S. Hornsby, Burlington, brought greetings from Presbytery, and Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, greetings from the Provincial Board. Mrs. W. I. McLean, on behalf of the young women, presented Mrs. John Taylor with an Honorary Membership. A Pioneer Tea under the Presbyterial Y.W. Department was held in St. Paul's schoolroom. Those taking part were dressed in old-time costumes, old-time songs were sung, and several pageants depicting early scenes in W.M.S. work were given. Antiques of various sorts were on display.

Mrs. A. C. Stewart presided over the annual meeting of Toronto Presbyterial in St. John's Church, Toronto. Rev. W. H. Fuller presented greetings from the Presbytery and Mrs. J. G. Inkster from the Provincial. A forceful address on finance was given by Mrs. D. Strachan, and a missionary address by Rev. J. D. Wilkie, on furlough from Formosa. The young women were addressed by Mrs. A. C. Stewart and Rev. Wm. Thomas, Toronto. On Friday an able address was given by Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Council. Prizes were awarded the Mission Bands with the highest standing: in the city, Dovercourt, Rogers, Victoria, and Wychwood; rural, Port Credit, Georgetown, Maple, Newmarket, Markham and Whitby. Girls' Organizations were addressed by Miss Violet Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary, and an illustrated address, ''Things Japanese'', was given by Mrs. Berton Andrew, formerly of Kobe, Japan.

Mrs. Goforth was an honoured guest on Friday afternoon when an Honorary Membership and pin were presented to her as a token of love from the Presbyterial. Mrs. W. A. McLennan made the presentation.

A happy, helpful meeting marked the tenth anniversary of the work at Fiske's Corners, Glengarry P.S. The candle-lighting ceremony in charge of Mrs. Hugh Dewar took place at the tea hour, different members speaking on the significance of each candle. Departed members were lovingly referred to.

At Martintown the leaders of the Tour outlined in the *Glad Tidings* gave a review of their visits to the places most interesting to them. A Junior Membership was completed to a Life Membership.

A supper in honour of the President and other workers was tendered by Woodlands Auxiliary. Mrs. A. Fincham was presented with an Honorary Membership pin.

The annual meeting of London Presbyterial, held in St. Thomas, was well attended. Mrs. J. M. Dickson presided. Greater interest was evident. Much help was derived from the Round Table Conference.

The speakers were Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Provincial President, and Dr. Eugene Stevens, on furlough from Formosa.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Church, Forest, Sarnia P.S., presented an In Memoriam certificate to Mrs. Leslie McLean in memory of her husband, their late minister, Rev. L. A. B. McLean.

A gala day was that when Knox Auxiliary, Stratford, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. Presidents of all missionary societies of the city were guests, and out-of-town Auxiliaries were represented. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Toronto, extended greetings from the Council, Miss M. B. Tier from the Provincial and Miss J. McGrigor from the Presbyterial, while Rev. C. S. Oke brought greetings from Presbytery, and Rev. Dr. Duncan, of St. Andrew's Church, personal congratulations. Mrs. Jos. Orr, the earliest member present, gave an interesting sketch of the past sixty years. The reading of names of former Presidents and officers called up tender memories of early associations. Mrs. Wm. Preston, who as a little child accompanied her mother to the organization meeting, cut the three-storey birthday cake.

Members of the various missionary organizations of St. Andrew's Church, Orillia, Barrie P.S., gathered at the annual supper meeting, at which Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, gave a vivid picture of the work in overseas fields. The Orientals, she said, were closely studying the Westerners; the Orientals are worshipping in thousands and tens of thousands and western congregations are dwindling. It is a challenge to Christians to be loyal to God and their Church.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 128 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—Mrs. Strachan's address at the 23rd annual meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial in Stanley Church on 2nd February will long be remembered with interest and gratitude. It contained announcements of first-rate importance to the Society at large, including the statement that the loss of $37,000 in income sustained since 1929 had been absorbed, ''and to-day the W.M.S. has not one five-cents' worth of debt.'' Sums covering the first quarter of the year have been forwarded to mission fields. Unquestionably, she said, the Society is on the eve of bigger and better things. ''I think our work has suffered less than the work of any other Society that I know. I think you will be pleased with our financial statement.'' She tendered thanks to the members of the Auxiliaries everywhere for the gallant way in which they had worked to meet their allocations.

Ever known as the Church for the pioneer, the Presbyterian Church in Canada is extending its activities in Northern Ontario, and an estimate for work among French-Canadians in Montreal has been placed in this year's budget. Incidentally referring to contributions to mission fields, Mrs. Strachan emphasized the importance of Auxiliaries and individual members using the machinery of the Society. Headquarters knows in every case just what is needed and can prevent duplications and avoid the forwarding of unwanted or unsuitable articles. Need of good literature in Canadian and other mission fields is a constant problem. Special efforts should be made to ensure that children taught in W.M.S. schools do not lapse into illiteracy for lack of something to read, or else have only anti-Christian printed matter to read.

In Formosa the Government (Japanese) has taken over the educational system ''and we are going to concentrate on building up a native Church.'' In work remaining to the Canadian missionaries, all of a highly important character, there will be close union in special tasks with the Presbyterian Church of England. Quebec was the first to send in its contribution, she announced, to the Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries.

Miss Mary E. Anderson summarized her work among the Koreans in Kobe, Japan. The devotion of converts to Christianity is remarkable. ''We do see progress'', she said, ''though there are many thousands still in darkness.''

Rev. R. G. Stewart, D.D., of Toronto, gave an address at the evening meeting. The Right Rev. Malcolm Campbell, D.D., Moderator, brought greetings from the General Assembly.

Mrs. W. E. Baker was re-elected president. Mrs. E. S. Harding is the new treasurer, and Miss Lillian Morton succeeds Mrs. George Stevenson as Mission Band Secretary. Reports by departmental secretaries were glowing with satisfaction at tasks well done, with many increases in membership and contributions. The total membership reported is 3,269, receipts $13,591, subscriptions to *Glad Tidings* 1,445, sales of study books, devotional books and general literature, $500.

Reference was made to the interest taken by Her Excellency Lady Tweedsmuir in the work of the Missionary Society and her much valued assistance in the supply of good literature to Western Canada.

The Young Women's Rally held in Kildonan Hall on the evening before the annual meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial was addressed at length by Miss Anderson, at present on furlough from Kobe, Japan, who told of her experiences with several youthful converts. These young people had placed their all on God's altar, and Canadians at home would do well to follow their example in making time every day to come into fellowship and communion with God. Mrs. Strachan affirmed the necessity for supporting the missionary endeavour. Money sent by W.M.S. Auxiliaries was a practical expression of faith. Miss Margaret Macnaughton presented a report of the Young Women's department. Miss C. E. Cameron brought greetings from the Provincial Board.

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King George VI **Queen Elizabeth**

The Coronation

''We wish to prepare ourselves and those for whom we speak to enter as deeply as possible into the meaning of the Coronation. It is the dedication of the King and his Consort to the service of the King of Kings, and their consecration by Him through His Church to the service of their people. But the King incarnates the community; that is the true meaning of his office; he is not chiefly the first officer of the State; he is the community focused in his own person. That is what an hereditary monarch can be, and is called to be, as no elected personage ever could be. Therefore, in all that happens at Westminster in May every one of his subjects is concerned, not only as a spectator, but as participant. It should be the rededication and reconstruction of us, one and all.''

—The Archbishop of York on the meaning of the Coronation.

THE thoughts of all British people turn at this time towards the King and Queen and the approaching Coronation. On the 12th of May in a solemn religious service the King and the Queen Consort will be anointed and crowned, and thus dedicated to the service of God and of their people throughout the British Empire. This Coronation service with its pageantry and ceremony reminiscent of the earliest days of the monarchy in Britain will take place in Westminster Abbey, that ancient shrine founded by Edward the Confessor almost nine hundred years ago, where kings have been crowned since the time of William the Conqueror. Although the centuries have seen little change in the elaborate and picturesque ceremony, they have seen momentous changes in the office of the monarch and in the realms over which he rules. In some points this Coronation will differ from all that have been: as never before the whole Empire will be associated with it—since the crowning of George V, the Dominions have attained the status of equality with Great Britain in the Commonwealth; and the wonder of wireless will permit British subjects in every land to listen to the service in Westminster Abbey as their King is set apart and dedicated to his high office, while by his Empire broadcast on that day George VI can speak directly to the people of his vast Empire, as his father could not do twenty-six years ago. Thus people scattered all over the world will be drawn together with a common feeling—in loyalty to God, for the Coronation service recognizes that the whole world is subject to the King of Kings; in loyalty to our King and Queen, for as they are dedicated to the service of their people, so we pledge allegiance to them; and in loyalty to our nation and our Empire to whose service we, too, are called to dedicate ourselves.

Already King George VI and Queen Elizabeth have won the wholehearted loyalty and affection of their people by years of service rendered whenever and wherever the opportunity offered. As Duke of York, the King was active in all kinds of social service, but most marked has been his interest in the younger generation on whose improved health, happiness, and education, he believes, the future of the nation and the Empire largely depends, and in the improvement of the relations between workers and employers in the industrial field. With a deep understanding and a kindly human sympathy won through personal contact with people of all classes, in public and private, in their homes, their work and their recreation, with a wide knowledge of the Empire, and with a serious sense of his responsibility, George VI is well equipped to discharge the duties of Sovereign. To assist and support him, as she has done in the past, in all his efforts for the welfare of his people in all parts of the Empire he will have at his right hand the gracious Queen Consort, Elizabeth.

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

God Save The King

The Assurance of the Word:

The king shall joy in Thy strength, O Lord; and in Thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice.
For Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness; Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.
The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We give Thee thanks, O God, for Thy many and great benefits. We bless Thee for the favour shown in past days to our Nation, whereof our fathers have told us; and we praise Thee for those things which our eyes have seen in these latter days, and our ears have heard. Truly Thy mercy hath been very great toward us, whom Thou hast delivered from great dangers, and to whom Thou hast given the blessings of peace and good order, setting over us a King according to the desire of our hearts. We give Thee thanks that Thou hast preserved both him and Thy handmaid, the Queen, in security and peace to this day. And we beseech Thee to grant us grace that, being truly thankful for settled and righteous government, we may strive together with them to render unto Thee most faithful service.

A Prayer for the King's Majesty:

O Lord, Who art infinitely exalted over all, show Thy mercy unto Thy servant the King; and as Thou sufferest him to be set over the people, so grant unto him grace to lead them aright. May Thy wisdom be his guide, and Thy strength his shield. Anoint him with Thy Spirit; clothe him with all virtue; let the Sword of Justice with which he is invested be for the suppression of evil, the encouragement of good, the protection of the weak, the defence of the Faith, and the maintenance of liberty. May the Sceptre of his kingdom be a sceptre of righteousness; and, wearing the Crown of gold in honour through many years, may he be crowned at last with immortal blessedness.

A Prayer for Her Majesty the Queen:

Show Thy favour, O Lord, to Thy servant Elizabeth, our Queen, that, being sanctified by Thy grace, she may be a pattern of all good works, adorning the high station to which she hath been called. Bless her in her person and in her family. May she love greatly and be greatly loved by all the people, taught of Thee through the holy mystery of motherhood to be gracious unto all Thy children as unto her own.

A Prayer for the Royal Family:

Shed the rich dews of Thy blessing upon Mary, the Queen Mother, upon the Princess Elizabeth, and upon all the members of the Royal Family, that they may be so led, counselled, and strengthened, that they may do good, and find honour and happiness in this present time, and in the life to come receive the reward of faithfulness.

A Prayer for the Empire and the Church:

O God, Who hast permitted many peoples to be ruled by the Sceptre of Thy servant the King, bind into one, we beseech Thee, all races within our Empire, and make us serviceable to Thee in the furthering of Thy purposes. Bless the Dominion of Canada, and grant that among us the King may ever have wise and faithful councillors, for his guidance and ours. Let Thy Kingdom come, O Lord, in the hearts of men in this land and everywhere. Prosper the work of Thy Church. Dispel the clouds of error; let all evil intention be brought to nought; let the poor be succoured by brotherly kindness, the sorrowful comforted, and the weak made strong. Glorify Thyself in us, and perfect in us Thy holy will; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Coronation Hymn

By the Rev. Harry Smith, D.D., Edinburgh

"See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen? . . . And all the people shouted, and said, God save the King!"—1 Sam. X:24.

I.

All on th' appointed day,
In Israel's ancient land,
The tented thousands lay
And waited God's command;
When He revealed whom they should bring,
First rose the cry—''God save the King!''

II.

We of another clime,
Beneath a Western sky,
At this appointed time
Would echo their glad cry,
As with one heart and voice we sing—
''God save the King! God save the King!''

III.

With joy and length of days
Our gracious Sovereign bless;
Protect him through life's ways;
Use him for righteousness;
Then at the last do Thou him bring
To Thy right hand, and save the King!

IV.

Throned on the nation's love,
Our Queen, we pray Thee, crown
With blessings from above,
Honour, and fair renown;
Grant her her heart's petitioning—
Her subjects' prayer—and save the King!

V.

O Lord of Life and Light,
Who rul'st the nations still,
Our Empire guide aright,
And guard from shame or ill;
A favoured people, may we cling
Closer to Thee, of kings the King!

VI.

O Thou, Whose blessed reign
Shall have no end at all,
Hear us in heaven, and deign
To answer when we call;
An Empire's myriad voices ring
In common song—''God save the King!''

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Editorial

Enlarged Council Executive

THE Enlarged Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will meet in the Canadian School of Missions, 97 St. George Street, Toronto, to discuss the work and transact the business of the Society. The first session will open at two o'clock, Tuesday, May 25th.

Important Meetings

IN June two important meetings are to be held in Montreal. The Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian system, formerly known as the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, will hold its quadrennial meeting, and during the same week, on June 23rd and 24th, the quadrennial conference of the International Union of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches will be held in Erskine-American Church, Sherbrooke Street. This will be the second time these bodies have met in Canada; the last meetings were held in Belfast in June, 1933. The Union represents twenty-three Societies in all parts of the British Empire, in France, Switzerland, Hungary, and the United States. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, of our Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), is the President, Miss Margaret E. Hodge, New York, of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Vice-President, and Mrs. D. M. Hamilton, Redhill, Surrey, England, Secretary.

Besides these three officers of the Union, many outstanding women have indicated their intention of coming to the conference, among them, Mrs. T. D. Meredith, Edinburgh, President of the Woman's Guild of the Church of Scotland; Rev. Edith S. Martin, Perth, of the United Free Church of Scotland; Mrs. R. C. Gillie, J.P., Bath, of the Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church of England; Mrs. Morton Muir, Presbyterian Women's Association, Durban, South Africa; Mrs. Krenek, Praha, Czechoslovakia; Mrs. Haitjem, Groningen, Holland; Mrs. L. Z. Honneger, of the Dutch Reformed Mission, Arcot, South India; Miss Florence E. Clearihue, Kharua, C. India, of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, who will speak on ''The New India and its Women''; and Dr. Jessie MacBean, Toronto, of the W.M.S. (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who will speak on ''The Five-Year Plan in China''.

The programme provides for the discussion of many other questions of vital interest to present-day missions—home mission work in different countries, especially under pioneer conditions; medical and educational work of missions in the Orient; the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Hangchow; and work among the Jews. The Rev. W. H. Hamilton, Edinburgh, Secretary of the Alliance, will speak on ''The Struggles and Triumphs of the Continental Churches''. Mrs. R. C. Gillie, of Bath, England, will give the closing devotional address on ''Witnessing for Christ''.

The meetings of the International Union and of the Alliance are open to the public. Women of our Church from any part of Canada will be especially welcome at the meetings of the Union, beginning on the afternoon of June 23rd.

Miss Isabella L. George

IN the death on March 18th of Miss Isabella L. George, Toronto, the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) lost a member of its Board of Trustees and a faithful friend. At the meeting of the Council Executive on March 23rd, Miss Bessie MacMurchy paid the following tribute to Miss George, whom she had long known as a friend and fellow-worker in the Women's Missionary Society:

''To-day we are remembering with thanksgiving and sorrow, touched, however, with joy, a well-beloved friend and fellow-worker who has finished her course on earth and has entered into the 'Fields of Light' to be forever with her Lord. Few are left on this Executive who have worked with Miss George, who served on the Boards of what is now the Women's Missionary Society for forty-seven years. Few women in our Society have given such a record of service. In 1890 Miss George's name first appears as a member of the Board of Management in the reports of what was then the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Six years later she became Treasurer and continued as such until the Societies united in 1914. Miss George's gentleness, her kind heart, her ability and her generosity made her universally loved. At every annual meeting she was a refreshing presence; she possessed a beautifully clear voice that could always be heard. She was an admirable treasurer, the auditors speaking very highly of her work. There was no clerical help for the Treasurer in those days; Miss George did all this work herself, and the W.F.M.S. was not then a small Society. After the Societies united in 1914, Miss George remained on the Board until 1920, and in 1925 was appointed one of the first Trustees.

''No word of mine could do justice to her. She was one of those quiet people upon whom everyone depended. No duty was too small to be done, especially in her congregation of Knox Church. What we are going to remember is her special affection for her friends, her desire that everyone with whom she came in contact should realize that she appreciated the work they did, but, above all, she was a faithful follower of her Lord and Master.''

Two New Missionaries

ON March 16th Miss Reid, Secretary for Manchuria and South China, introduced to the Council Executive Miss Helena W. Gibbs and Mrs. Gehman, the two candidates accepted for service in Manchuria, in answer to repeated requests for two evangelists, one with nurse's training. It meant more than she could say to have these workers so excellently equipped to send out at last. "Now thank we all our God". To the new workers the promise was: "Lo, I am with you alway". Mrs. McLennan wished them well as they were going forth to a new home, to pioneering and adventuring. No matter what the days might bring, they had the assurance, "The heart that is stopped at God will be kept in perfect peace". Miss Gibbs and Mrs. Gehman both expressed their gratitude for the opportunity for service in Manchuria and their hope that they might be worthy of their calling.

Visiting Western Branches

MRS. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and Mrs. J. D. Holman, Young Women's Secretary, are spending some weeks in the West, attending the annual meetings of the four Western provinces, speaking at many points and visiting centres where the Society's institutional work is carried on. They expect to return to Toronto early in May. Mrs. Strachan who was to have gone was prevented from doing so by serious illness.

Acknowledgment

WE would acknowledge our indebtedness to Rev. Stuart C. Parker, D.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, for the special prayers for this Coronation number.

Return from Japan

IT is a matter of deep regret that Rev. L. L. Young and Mrs. Young, of Kobe, Japan, have had to return to Canada because of Mrs. Young's continued ill-health. We sincerely trust that her health may be completely restored.

Plea for the New Canadians

AN interesting visitor at the Council Executive meeting on March 9th was Mrs. Laky, wife of the Hungarian Presbyterian minister in Buffalo who since January has been conducting services in Welland, Ontario. The Hungarians among whom the Church was working in Canada, Mrs. Laky said, were quite different from those who forty or fifty years ago had come to the United States. From a Hungary torn and exhausted by the world war our Hungarians have come, their only hope to begin again in Canada; but they have come with broken family ties, tired and sometimes bitter, yearning, she said, for a little understanding, sympathy and help; and she was encouraged to think that they would be helped. She appealed to our people, however, not to look on them as a great problem or as a menace, but to be patient with them, as they sought to adapt themselves to new conditions. If we could see and understand their old background in Hungary, we should understand them more easily. Learning a new language is hard for the older people, so that they cling to their own. The Hungarian ministers act as links between us and them. Keep in touch with them, she urged, especially with the workers among them, encourage them to adopt Canadian methods, educate them in citizenship, and train the youth for leadership; above all, stand by them, help them in their present struggles, with eyes fixed on the future. The Hungarians, she declared, will never cease to be thankful for the opportunities given them.

ON March 23rd Rev. J. D. Wilkie and Rev. D. A. Smith spoke to the Council Executive, the former on some progressive steps which might be taken in our mission work in Formosa, and the latter on the progress of the work among the Chinese in Canada which he had reported to the Board of Missions.

Further Results of Work for Chinese in Canada

IN the March *Glad Tidings* a list was given of young Chinese men and women who have gone from various parts of Canada to live and work in China. Through the kindness of Rev. D. A. Smith we are now able to supplement that list with seventeen other names. It is interesting to note that these Canadian-trained Chinese are serving in almost every sphere—as pastors, evangelists, teachers in schools and universities, doctors, nurses, engineers, aviation instructors, Government officials, magistrates, journalists, merchants, (with one dentist, one druggist, and one military officer)—and in Church and home exerting an influence for good among their own people. The supplementary list is as follows:

From Victoria: Miss Y. D. Lee, music teacher at Ling Nan; Miss Won, teacher, Sun Ning; Miss L. Y. Lee, doctor, Shanghai; Mr. H. Y. Woo, Principal of Aviation School, and Magistrate, Canton; Captain P. M. Chang, army officer with the Chinese Government; Mr. S. Chow, civil engineer, Kwong Tung; Mr. Y. H. Ng, merchant, Canton, and elder in the Chinese Church; Mr. Lee, teacher (brother of Miss Grace Lee, of the Chinese Mission, Victoria); Mr. G. T. Lee, evangelist; Mr. L. S. Chow, merchant, Ko Tong, and elder in the Chinese Church.

From Vancouver: Miss Y. H. Chan, nurse, Fat Shaan; Rev. K. Lee, Kwong Tung; Miss O. Y. Chan, teacher, Ling Nan; Mr. T. H. Chow, engaged in evangelistic work.

From Winnipeg: Rev. Ma Leung, Kow Lung, Hong Kong; from *Toronto:* Mr. John Lee, engaged in evangelistic work; from *Montreal:* Rev. S. K. Taam, Kwong Tung.

Chinese Worker Honoured

THE members of the Women's Missionary Society, especially those interested in Chinese work, will be pleased to learn that, through the generosity of a friend, Miss Lily Yeung has been made a Life Member of the W.M.S. The presentation of the certificate and accompanying pin was made through the Canoriel Chinese Girls' Club at their Easter meeting, at which members of the Chinese Ladies' Class were guests. Miss Yeung, who for the past five years has been engaged in kindergarten and other work among the Chinese in Toronto, is a daughter of Rev. K. H. Yeung, Chinese minister in Vancouver, B.C.

What One Woman Did for the Society

IN the midst of reports of wonderful work being done in distant parts of Canada and in other lands, now and then comes a particularly impressive story of the faithful work of women in their home districts. Of one such we heard recently,—Mrs. Katharine Cameron, of Allandale, Ontario, for nearly fifty years a central figure in Barrie Presbyterial, not one Auxiliary of which but has reaped the benefit of her ministry. So great was her zeal and love for the missionary cause that once when she had a broken leg she insisted on being carried to a Presbyterial meeting at which she had promised to assist. For many years, it is said, she lived in one room, so that she might not have to curtail her gifts to the Church and the W.M.S. Until 1925 every Thursday morning and, later, every Tuesday morning was spent in prayer and meditation while the Board was sitting in Toronto. Until her ninetieth year she was never known to refuse a request for assistance from any Auxiliary, driving often in bitter winter weather to small rural Auxiliaries. Moreover, in all those years, she taught little children in Sunday School until a few weeks before her death in March.

COURTESY

Of Courtesy, it is much less
Than Courage of Heart or Holiness,
Yet in my Walks it seems to me
That the Grace of God is in Courtesy.

—*H. Belloc.*

The General Board of Missions

THE General Board of Missions met in St. Andrew's Institute, March 16-19, with the Convener, Rev. A. M. Hill, D.D., in the chair, and members present from all parts of the Dominion—ministers, elders, representatives of the Women's Missionary Society (Eastern and Western Divisions), Synodical missionaries, and missionaries from overseas. In the careful planning of the sessions, in the full reports received, in the frank, serious discussion of problems presented by home and overseas fields, in the readiness to consider adjustments and revision of policies, if necessary, there was evident, on the part of the members, a real sense of their responsibilities and an earnest desire to make the best arrangements possible for the effective carrying on of the mission work of the Church.

The opening session on Tuesday evening was largely devoted to foreign missions, with addresses from four missionaries on furlough. Miss Mary E. Anderson gave a vivid presentation of the work among the Koreans in Japan, using maps to show the extent of the field covered by the four missionaries with the assistance of pastors and Bible women, districts where pastors are placed, each in charge of several Church groups, and the location of the four new churches built in the past three years. Two points were emphasized: the progress being made towards self-support, the Koreans desiring to help themselves so that mission funds may be released for the expansion of the work; and the coming of Dr. Kim to the mission staff for special evangelistic and literary work. Work is carried on with regular Church services, Sunday Schools, adult Bible classes, women's classes, kindergartens, Daily Vacation Bible Schools (69 groups in 1936), and special Bible study classes for men and women at the New Year; and now Public Health work has been begun. In conclusion, Miss Anderson spoke of the joy of the missionaries at the evidence of the transforming power of Jesus Christ and the zeal of the Korean Christians in going out to witness.

Rev. J. D. Wilkie and Dr. E. Stevens spoke of Formosa, the former telling particularly of the progress of the Formosan Church towards the ideal of self-government and self-support in recent years. In the Mackay Memorial Hospital—since the selling of Tainan Hospital to the South Formosan Church the only mission hospital on the Island—the opportunity for personal evangelism, Dr. Stevens declared, is unparalleled. Morning services held in the chapel by members of the staff are attended by out-patients who come to clinics and others able to go; those waiting for medical attention are given Christian teaching, Scripture portions or tracts are sold or given, while a preacher or Bible woman continues the work in the wards, patients rarely objecting. Those who wish are taught to read and write the Romanized script. In a village near

Taihoku is a thriving group of Christians, every member, it is claimed, having first heard the Gospel in the Mackay Memorial Hospital. Children who have been taught in the hospital are often instrumental in leading the family to the local Church. As a medical centre the hospital, now under Dr. Little, was doing good work. There are twenty-three nurses, five of them graduates. A certain percentage of the nursing staff must be ''recognized'' and pass examinations in Japanese.

Rev. A. A. Lowther presented some serious problems facing those interested in missions in the Jhansi area of India, asking for careful consideration of the policy to be followed in the future. The case for missions in India, he felt, was stronger than ever—the native Church is still weak—but mission policies are being revised everywhere so that the most effective work may be done. The missionaries on the field looked to the Board at home for advice and leadership.

On Wednesday consideration of the overseas mission work was continued. Mrs. McLennan, in introducing the discussion on Formosa, stressed the fact that in the missionary enterprise of the Church the Board of Missions and the Women's Missionary Society formed a partnership, co-operating on overseas fields and at home. The year 1936 would, she felt, go down in the history of Formosa as a year of unprecedented changes, as a result of the strong nationalistic feeling in Japan and the increased strength of the Formosan Church. A greater responsibility lay on our Mission, in co-operation with the English Presbyterian Mission in the South, to help train leaders for that Church, to carry on more extensive evangelistic work, and to assist the aboriginal tribes, perhaps by training some members to go back to work among their own people. A grant of $2,000 was made for better equipment for the Mackay Memorial Hospital. In Manchuria the evangelistic work begun by Dr. Goforth would be continued. Fitting living quarters had been provided in Szepingkai, with the co-operation of the W.M.S. and generous friends. Rev. A. Reoch and Mrs. Reoch, it was announced, were returning to Canada on furlough. In British Guiana, the re-organization of our mission work by Rev. D. Marshall has resulted in better conditions. Through his efforts the Government assumed more responsibility for educational work; hence, a marked decrease in the cost of the mission. The Better Hope Church is to be re-built, and the W.M.S. (E.D.) was granted permission to use money in the Burns Memorial Fund to build a church in Georgetown. Progress was reported from the Bhil field, India. Dr. W. R. Quinn, who was to have gone to Formosa where Dr. Little now is, will go to India as head of the Jobat Hospital. The Board was glad to hear that Dr. Buchanan wished to have his furlough delayed for a year.

Announcement was made of a bequest from Mrs. Boulter of a beautiful home at Fort Coulonge for returned missionaries and provision for its maintenance, as well as bequests to the local Church and home and foreign missions. After a brief explanation by Mr. E. W. McNeill, Treasurer, of the financial position of the Church, the Chairman of the Board of Administration announced a cut of 10 per cent. in the estimates. The people, he declared, were not sufficiently seized with the importance of the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He would appeal to them ''to rise in their might and clear away deficits''.

On Wednesday evening the Right Rev. Malcolm Campbell, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, addressed the Board on his recent tour of the Church. Wherever he went from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific, he found the same loyalty and interest. He was particularly impressed by the wonderful way in which the young people are responding everywhere. Changes are taking place in Canada, crowds of young people are going West and North, opening up great new territories which demand young men of vision with the spirit of pioneers to serve the Church. People should take courage, and believe in the Church, believe that it is possible to accomplish great things. ''Ours is a spiritual world and a spiritual enterprise—Let us re-dedicate ourselves.''

That evening was important, too, because of the presentation to the Board by Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, Candidates Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), of two new missionaries: Miss Helena W. Gibbs, of Simcoe, a graduate (1936) of the Toronto Bible College, appointed to evangelistic work in Manchuria; and Mrs. Langdon Gehman, of Galt, a teacher and nurse, a graduate of the Brantford General Hospital, appointed as a nurse evangelist to Manchuria. Both have spent this year at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, and possess, Mrs. Grant said, the three essential qualifications of good health, mental training, and a keen desire to represent Christ. The Moderator joined with the Convener and Mrs. Grant in greetings and good wishes to Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs, as they followed in the great company of the women who stayed by Christ. Later Mr. DeCourcy Rayner, one of this year's graduates from Knox College, and Mrs. Rayner were introduced to the Board as under appointment to service in British Guiana.

Reports of Synods and of Synodical missionaries all told of encouragement, but of the need for men to take advantage of the great opportunities for service. In the Maritimes there was an increase in membership, contributions and interest, with congregations getting settled after being long vacant. In Quebec more members came into full communion than in any year since 1925, and the French work is showing good results under Mr. J. H. Smith. The mining areas of Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia, the prairies, the Peace River District all call for the help our Church can give. In the Geraldton district of Ontario ours is the only Protestant Church giving regular services. Hawk Junction has a church and manse free of debt; the

Board gave $400, the community and Presbytery giving the rest. Early in March work was begun in Kirkland Lake under Rev. C. J. Mackay, who will be assisted by Miss Macarthur, formerly of Regina. Western Canada was again looking to the Church for moral and spiritual leadership. Any help given them, said Mr. Munro, of Rosetown, Saskatchewan, would be a sound investment from the point of view of the budget. Men are needed to meet the people from the drought area of the south and help them as they begin homesteading again. Two churches are being built in the Peace River District, at Fort St. John and Prestville. Mr. Horne paid tribute to the co-operation of the W.M.S., the help given and the efficient way the work was carried on. In that great area, with its large population of ''renters'', besides the ''old-timers'' who went in before 1912 and the homesteaders since 1925, there are great possibilities, but there must be more men, more money, and a definite policy. In British Columbia all fields had been satisfactorily filled; two old fields had been revived by colporteurs; Miss Ruby Blyth had been giving fine service in Creston since the minister's death; a Sunday School outside Vancouver begun with four children had an average attendance of fifty-five or sixty, and a C.G.I.T. group of sixteen or eighteen. The survey of British Columbia made by Rev. Grant Hollingworth showed several places in the interior, along the coast and in the north where services of the Church are badly needed. Mrs. McLennan assured the Board that the W.M.S. would be glad to assist the Church in that country, if a deaconess were needed.

A definite advance in Jewish work was reported by Rev. M. Zeidman, in gaining the interest of the young and reaching more Jewish people than ever before. Christian workers now had the goodwill of the Jews.

In the work among the Chinese in Canada there were sixteen workers, half of them Chinese. As a people the Chinese, Rev. D. A. Smith reported, were interested in the study of the Scriptures and earnestly discussing Christianity. Work in Canada was progressing because of the New Life Movement in China. Surveys were made in Saskatchewan to link up the Chinese and secure information for the distribution of literature, and in British Columbia to bring scattered Chinese into contact with the local churches. The W.M.S. programme of study suggested this year, Mr. Smith said, had brought the workers many opportunities of presenting the Chinese work to Auxiliaries and congregations. Two aspects of the work were especially encouraging: young Chinese people are being trained for leadership and service; and there is, among the Chinese, a growing sense of responsibility for the support of their own work and a desire to give to missions. Mr. Smith paid a special tribute to Miss Dickson's fine work, and to those kindly Christians throughout the country who are helping to preach Christ by showing a personal interest in the Chinese.

Recent Developments and Movements in Churches in China

By Rev. A. J. Fisher, D.D.,

Associate Secretary of the Church of Christ in China

PROTESTANT Christian efforts in preaching the Gospel in China are only a hundred and twenty-nine years old. During the Christian era sporadic efforts have from time to time been made by the Christian Church to reach China with the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ, but none had taken deep enough root to really become indigenous to China. At the time of Dr. Morrison's coming to China the Catholic Church had practically ceased to function as a Church. The preaching of Christianity was proscribed by the Chinese government. As we look back to these one hundred and twenty-nine years, one is amazed at the wonderful development of the Christian Church. One may to-day with confidence say that the Christian Church is established in China with its roots deep down in the soil, and is on its way to becoming an indigenous Church. A few years ago a book was published by the government of Kwangtung Province. For the first time Christianity was listed as one of the religions of China. The Rev. Y. S. Tom, Moderator of the Church of Christ in China and General Secretary of the Kwangtung Synod of that Church, wrote a brief history of Christianity and its salient beliefs.

Of course, during these years the preaching of the Gospel in China has had its ups and downs, its joys and its tribulations. There have been times when it was proscribed by the government; there have been times when those in authority have aided and abetted the preaching of the Gospel; there was a time, only a few years ago, when there was a very strong anti-religious movement which exercised its greatest opposition to Christianity because, no doubt, they found the Christian religion the most active and aggressive.

To-day Christianity is experiencing one of the greatest opportunities for presenting the Christian religion to the people of China. This constitutes one of the greatest opportunities that the Christian Church has ever had, and is at the same time one of the greatest challenges that the Church has ever met. When we say that there is an opportunity for preaching the Gospel, we do not mean that the people are all ready to accept it; what we do mean is that they are open to conviction. The Gospel must be presented to them in a reasonable way. It must also prove itself as a religious force in the lives of those who profess it; it must, also, be able to give hope and inspiration for the future. In a time when there is a depression in finance, and when society is in process of changing, when deep-seated customs and beliefs are uprooted, Christianity must be presented in such a way as to make people realize that it is for them a solution of life's difficulties under which they are labouring.

The Chinese ''New Life Movement'' is a movement in which China is rediscovering her better self. During the last twenty-five years or more China has been looking to modern inventions for help and salvation. She too readily discarded the splendid things that she had in her own culture and civilization, which have stood by her for so many years. Now she is beginning to realize that she should hold on to the good things in her civilization and culture as well as take hold of the good things that may come from the West. The New Life Movement in China is not a religious movement, but those who are responsible for its promulgation frankly realize that without a religious motive and dynamic the movement will fail. They are, therefore, appealing to the Christians in China to give it real life and strength. There is nothing in the movement that is contrary to Christian teachings. By taking on the principles of the New Life Movement and adding thereto the principles of the Christian religion with its spiritual dynamic, the movement will become a great help to Christianity, and Christianity in turn will be a wonderful help to the Chinese people.

The Chinese people are a pragmatic people. They have not been slow to see the value of Christianity as an ethical teaching, and also from an organization point of view. It has been difficult for them to see the real spiritual force in the Christian religion. During the last ten years there has been a wonderful development along this line. We see deep spiritual movements going on in the Churches. We know from the development of religion in every nation that there are times when people go into excess of spiritual emotions. China has not been and is not free from these excesses. On the whole, however, we feel that it is a healthy movement, and feel confident that the Church will come out and through this movement a stronger and better Church.

The Christian Church in China is facing some tremendous tasks. One of the most obvious is that of the Christians' attitude towards Communism. A few years ago we were told that there were two forces bidding for the soul of China—Christianity and Communism. To-day this question is not quite so imminent, but it is still a vital one. To-day it is largely a question of what the attitude of the Christians should be towards the government, when that government is endued with the spirit of narrow nationalism. Many of the youths are asking this question: ''If we accept Christianity, can we be true nationalists?'' In other countries this is even more acute than in China, as at present the Chinese government is not anti-Christian, and many claim that the Christians are the real patriots.

Then there is the issue, as in many another country, of peace and war. Is it right for any Christian to take up arms under any circumstances? This is a very vital question, and many of the Christians will have to answer that by a straight yes or no, perhaps in the not far distant future.

Then there are other practical issues of the *home life* and *village life.* Can one family in the clan maintain its Christian life, when the entire clan is not yet Christian but still hold on to their old superstitions? Should one family become Christian at all until the whole clan is ready to come into the Church? The *Christianizing of the Home* is another task. It means in many instances new ideals, new relationships, as between parents and children, brother and sister, and a new hospitality. The question of the *rural Church,* although many experiments are being made, is still far from being solved. How is the pastor of a village Church to be supported, when the majority of its members receive only a few dollars in actual cash during the whole year? It is easy to criticize the Church for not having solved these many difficult questions. It is quite a popular thing very often to hurl tirades against the Church for its impotency. Whatever its faults, the Church is still the best agency for the fundamental solution of these difficulties. We must recognize that the Church is not a political organization. It cannot use force to accomplish these things. ''The Kingdom of God'', says Jesus, ''is within you.'' Christianity is of human action and a spiritual force. It is not for her to minister palliatives. It must get a leaven that works from within. The Church deals with principles that go to the real root of the matter—human character. Only as an individual is transformed, can the social order of a nation be transformed. In all these tasks, therefore, the Church must stick to its job in transforming human lives through the power of Jesus Christ and the transforming influence of the Holy Spirit.

Open Doors in South China

From Miss Burkwall's report for 1936.

1936 was a quiet year for Christian work in South China,—no active opposition, an increasing attention to the Christian message, a growing emphasis on evangelism among the Churches. As we hear of hindrances to the open proclamation of the Gospel, difficulties and persecution in different countries of the world, even in some European countries, we feel we have great reason for thanksgiving that in South China the Gospel message can be spread about without opposition. The fact that Christian work is carried on in several prisons and that in at least two of these there have been several baptisms this year, and Bible classes conducted by the converted prisoners themselves, speaks well for the attitude of those in authority towards the Christian message. The wide open doors one finds on every side bring added responsibility, and we long to see the Chinese Church fully aware of this her day of visitation and unprecedented opportunity. Who can say how long it will last?

Politically, 1936 was an eventful year in South China. For several years these two Southern Provinces, Kwang Tung and Kwang Si, had had a semi-independent government, holding aloof from the Central (Nanking) Government. Things came to a crisis in the early summer and for a time there was great fear of fighting. However, the Central Government got control through wise diplomacy, and the bringing of these two provinces under the central authority without bloodshed was a great triumph for Nanking,—and Chiang Kai Shek, the National leader. In past years in the many political changes which have taken place, fighting and bloodshed have been the order of the day, so it is a great cause for thanksgiving that this change was effected so quietly. On this occasion the people, who had scarcely dared to criticize the old régime but who were restive under it, welcomed the change with manifest joy, and have responded to the new and better order of things in a marked way. One of the first reforms introduced by the Central Government was the suppression of gambling and opium smoking. They are emphasizing the ''New Life Movement'', thereby trying to bring about greater cleanliness, better sanitation, more orderly ways, the prevention of foolish waste in mere display, and other reforms. The Christian Church takes advantage of this propaganda to press home the fact that for real ''New Life'' one must look to the great Source of Life, Christ Himself. The Christian Church has been before the public eye in a number of ways. Newspaper Evangelism is carried on by a group of interested Chinese Christians of various denominations, and it carries the Gospel message in the Canton newspapers to people of all classes and conditions and reaches readers in all parts of the world where Cantonese people are to be found. Christian choirs spent Christmas eve on the streets singing carols in many parts of the city. The secular newspapers noticed with favourable comment the fact that there was public prayer in churches for the National leader, Chiang Kai Shek, during his captivity, and headlines in these newspapers announced the fact that his release came on the ''Birthday of the Western (!) Saviour'', *i.e.* Christmas Day. The Centenary of Baptist Missions in China was celebrated in Canton, and government officials accepted the invitation to send representatives with appreciative messages to some of the gatherings. All denominations rejoiced with the Baptists and their celebration gave a visible expression of the life and strength of the Church in South China, and could not but make an impression on masses of people outside the Church. So, too, did the great gathering of Christians, principally young people, on Easter Sunday morning, when about five thousand met for a service on the large public Athletic Grounds. The hymns sung by a great choir of young people of all the Churches, accompanied by bands from three Christian schools and colleges, and the broadcasted address by the noted young people's leader, Dr. T. Z. Koo (''Teezee'' as he is known all over the world among students), all proclaimed the fact that the Christ we worship ''rose from the dead,'' for even the word for Easter in Chinese literally means that. We feel that this great meeting now held every Easter morning is a very fine witness to the non-Christian population, and we thank God that this year it was unusually good.

The Training Home and Its Principal

In March Miss Ferguson completed her tenth year as Principal of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and in September it will be ten years since the opening of the new Home at 156 St. George Street, Toronto. To mark this occasion we publish tributes from the Candidates Secretary, a member of the graduating class, and four former students.

ALL that could be written about Miss Winifred Ferguson, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, and about her work for the Church during the past ten years, might fill a book, and make profitable reading. Only a few impressions can be given here.

One's thoughts go back to a certain Monday morning, ten years ago, or thereabouts — the year and the month seem unimportant at the moment, the day alone counts. A call at 156 St. George Street on that Monday morning found Miss Ferguson supervising the work of cleaning and clearing the dust and débris of the years from a fine old house. Opening day was nearing, but would surely have to be postponed, or so one thought and said. The Principal's reply to this was, ''Students are arriving on Friday. The house must be in order by that time.'' And it was. So came a first impression of this new Principal.

Miss Winifred Ferguson

It soon became apparent to those associated with Miss Ferguson that her ambition was twofold—to make this Home not only a training centre at its best, but to make it a Church home for Church people across Canada, a home to which near and far Presbyterians would find their way when in Toronto and where an old-time and an all-time welcome would await them. All through the ten years this twofold objective has held. The Principal thinks and talks and lives and, of course, dreams dreams for the Home. Those who know what it has done and is doing for the student, and what it has been and is being to the Church, know also how many of the dreams are coming true. Had the membership of the Church in general, and its leadership in particular, been as devoted, as faithful and as *free from all self-seeking* what a record would have been hers at the end of these ten years!

The writer of this little tribute, because of her Candidates work in the Women's Missionary Society, and her convenership of the Applications Committee of the Training Home Board, has been allowed the freedom of the Home, and has also had many outside opportunities of seeing and knowing Miss Ferguson, opportunities ranging all the way from hearing her address the General Assembly to chatting with her over a dish of strawberries and cream served on an old-fashioned deal table in one's own kitchen. With her one has considered applications, discussed the possibilities and the problems of applicants, including financial and other difficulties, and has learned to greatly admire in her the rare and priceless faculty of being able to sit where another sits, to get the other person's view-point—a faculty which makes for sympathetic understanding, a fine tolerance, and a helpfulness beyond telling.

It may be that Miss Ferguson's ''geese are all swans'', but she would contend regarding this that she knows her family, has seen the development and sensed the latent possibilities of each member, and believes that each can and will make good.

During the long, lean years, with an ever dwindling maintenance allowance, the Home was kept up to standard. At least one member of the Board thought there was much cause for righteous indignation over the decrease in support. Not so Miss Ferguson. With head up, and mind busy devising ways and means of meeting the financial problem, she carried on, and came through smiling. If over her work for the past ten years, one were allowed to place but one tribute to her, that tribute from this source would be,—Not for herself, but for her Church and its Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, has she served.

—*(Mrs. D. Inglis) Evelyn Grant.*

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As we look forward to our Closing we do so with mingled feelings of joy and regret,—joy that in some measure we are now prepared for wider service in our Church, regret that two happy years of preparation, which have gone all too quickly, are drawing to a close.

If there is any place where East meets West, it is in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. Here we have represented every Province of our Dominion as well as lands beyond the seas. It is here that we who have lived all our lives in our own small communities learn to appreciate the contribution those of other countries have to make to our Canadian life. Here, too, we learn to live with other people, a thing that is most essential to our future success in this work.

As we look back over our two years' study, we find that those who prepared our courses of lectures planned them so that our outlook will be broad. They touch every department of life, for we have not only Biblical studies but we find an interest also in Psychology, Social Science, Public Speaking and other such practical phases of our work. As our course is planned with a view to our future work, various types of handicraft, secretarial training and studies in both mental and physical health are included, for the deaconess must be prepared for almost anything. The health of the students in training is not neglected, and besides our lectures in that department we enjoy swimming and gymnastics weekly.

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Instruction is not confined to the class-room. By our connection with the various Churches and their organizations, we get some experience in city deaconess work, and we keep in touch with the work of our Young People's Societies through their Conferences and Rallies. Not only do we have these contacts with the work of our Church, but we reach out beyond: visits of observation and special lectures give us some knowledge of the work of various social organizations and institutions.

Our life during these two years in the Training Home has not been confined to such training, either; the social side has not been neglected. We look forward always to our Christmas party, and this year it was followed by another party which gave us as much pleasure as our own, one at which we entertained twenty-five little girls who are under the care of the Big Sister Association of the city. Almost every organization of our Church has at some time met in our Home in either a business or a social way. Many students also gather here. The Varsity Christian Fellowship, the Chinese Students, and the Hungarian Young People have all found a meeting-place in our Common Room.

Looking back, there seems to be no limit to the opportunities we have been offered in preparation for the work which we have chosen.

A résumé of our two years' training would not be complete without a word about our Principal, Miss Ferguson, who this year celebrates her tenth year as head of this Home. It is she who has made it ''home'', with her ever careful attention to the welfare of the students in her care. She has cared for us when we were ill, and in many, many ways prevented that seemingly most serious of all illnesses—home-sickness. She has seen that although our days were full, there was always time for some recreation, and we have, therefore, not come to the end of our year worn out. In her busy days she has always found time to listen to our difficulties and give us advice which will serve us in the years ahead. We will not forget our Principal, for we cannot think of the Deaconess Training Home without her.

As we leave this place which we have come to call ''Home'' and the friends we have made here, we are somewhat sobered; we realize that, although there will always be a welcome for us, our student days are over. But we will look forward with eager anticipation to service in the fields to which we may be called and for which our training here has prepared us.

—Gertrude Rollo, of the 1937 graduating class.

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Graduation again, and as one looks back to the time spent in the Training Home, one has many happy memories, memories of the pleasant friendships formed, of the enjoyable hours together and, especially, of the kindly influence of Miss Ferguson. I think, perhaps, as the years pass, one realizes more and more the great responsibility placed on the shoulders of our much loved Principal. It is indeed, a privilege to pay tribute to one who in every way makes 156 St. George St. a real home and who proves herself a true mother to those girls who come under her guidance and leadership.

Graduation time brings with it, also, the thoughts of examinations and examinations remind us of the lectures we received. Many of us wondered how we were going to use certain things in the life we had planned in the service of the Master and now, looking back, I think that everything we learned was to our advantage. Not infrequently do some of us delve into our ''notes'' for just that bit of information.

Then, too, one is reminded of the kindly folk who so often remembered the Training Home. We think especially of one Miss Burns who in so many ways did much for the girls in attendance. Even yet, she continues her kindness to the graduates of former years by the little remembrances so often sent.

We think of the life in the Training Home, the little tasks set for each one, the study periods, the spare moments when we gathered in one of our rooms for a chat, the little quiet talks with Miss Ferguson, and the precious moments when we gathered around the table for morning and evening worship. And so it is with love and pride that our thoughts go back to the pleasant months spent in training in a school which remains to each one of us not an institution, but a ''Home''.

—*Frieda E. Matthews,* Shaughnessy, Alberta.

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As this year marks Miss Winifred Ferguson's tenth anniversary as Principal of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, it is a privilege to pay tribute to one who is ''with goodwill doing service as to the Lord''. Miss Ferguson's influence for good radiates far beyond the bounds of the Home, it is true, but they have been the really fortunate ones who have had the privilege of living in and participating in that goodly fellowship which is irradiated and inspired by Miss Ferguson's gracious personality.

Much could be said about what Miss Ferguson means to those who have lived in the Training Home, but suffice it to say that she has endeared herself to all and has won the respect of everyone. Indeed, she is a real mother, as everyone with problems or in perplexity receives her sympathetic attention. She is, indeed, richly blessed with a remarkable talent for helping others, for which there is ample scope in an institution like the Training Home. That is why the Home itself becomes a hive of happy useful activity.

Besides the usual Bible study, classes and services, meetings innumerable, there is always time for a little more, the practice of the principle of the second mile. Thus the Training Home is widely known for its hospitality which many in Toronto as well as all over Canada have at one time or other enjoyed. Frequently one hears of the Home being used for other purposes—to provide accommodation for delegates, for Young People's conferences, W.M.S. meetings, Fellowship meetings, teas, receptions, showers, meetings, indeed, of various kinds or gatherings arranged by some group or Society within our Church.

This is a time to be thankful for ''small mercies'', as, if it were not for the co-operation and understanding of one like Miss Ferguson, it might not be so convenient to just telephone to say, ''We are coming.'' But that is the beauty of it. Miss Ferguson wishes everyone to feel whole-heartedly welcome to make 156 St. George Street a real home.

That she may be blessed with grace to continue her services for many years to come and remain a channel of blessing in the Training Home is the wish of

(Mrs. C.) Beatrice Bernath Steinmetz,
Hungarian Mission, Toronto.

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I think of the few years which I spent at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home with pleasure. It is a great honour to have known our Principal, Miss Ferguson, these ten years. She, indeed, has been a great Principal of the Deaconess School, as well as a kindly ''mother'' to all her ''daughters''. How often have I seen our mother ever so tired and weary, but never too weary to be of help and service to one and all.

''Your duty first, and then pleasure,'' are words that are part of herself, and these words Miss Ferguson passed on to us. Personally, I have never regretted bearing with me her kindly words of advice.

The deaconess training has been a great blessing to me during my five years of service as a deaconess among our Ukrainians in Toronto. I have had a wonderful opportunity to bring to my people the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in its true light.

—(Mrs. M.) Julia Maystrowich Fesenko,
Ukrainian Mission, Toronto.

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I left home several years ago to come east for further study under the W.M.S. The fact that I was to live among strangers did not give me much encouragement. On my arrival in Toronto I was escorted to the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, where I was to stay. Miss Ferguson greeted me at the door. After only a short while with her that day I had the feeling of comfort. Being a Chinese and away from home for the first time, I found it most difficult to adapt myself to the change of environment.

As for Miss Ferguson, I was the first Chinese girl put under her care. Undoubtedly there were many problems facing her as to how she could deal tactfully with a girl whose temperament and racial characteristics made her so different from those that she had under her previously. But she did it. She comforted me. She guided me with sound and valuable advice. She assisted me in solving numerous problems that I found so difficult. She made the ''Home'' my second home. I am sure I am only one of the numerous examples who required special attention from Miss

Ferguson. Her attention and love for all the girls under her, coupled with her stern and unbiased judgment, won our loyalty and respect.

In closing, I wish to mention the important fact of Miss Ferguson's influence outside of the Training Home. The Chinese community, especially the women and the children's work, is greatly indebted to Miss Ferguson for her generosity in opening the Home to them for meetings, and on more than one occasion the mothers and children were invited to her lovely, spacious garden for picnics. As a hostess, Miss Ferguson is unexcelled. Her smiling face, her lovely manner, her simplicity and sincerity have won for her an infinite number of friends.

—Lily Yeung, (Chinese Mission, Toronto.)

Home Helpers Day

To mark the thirtieth anniversary of this Department which may be called the bond of friendship and prayer.

PREPARED BY MISS JESSIE PARSONS

Theme: Consecrated Personality.

The method of Jesus for the extension of His Kingdom throughout the world is through the impress of one personality on another. He has promised His own presence to those who will follow Him. His chief work was training the twelve, sending them out to train others, who in turn would continue this process. It is the business of every member of the Church of God to continue His work.

''So vital is 'Personality', the quality that 'distinguishes and characterizes a person', that it flames out from the prescribed routine of living and marks each individual as apart from all by whom he is surrounded. It is not to be confused with 'charm', that rare and elusive quality that wins friends and followers, for personality exists in every human being, may be of any essence, may repel as well as attract and is of prime importance as being the quality that differentiates its possessor, that affects his relations to his fellow men and his usefulness to his community.''

''The glory of the Christian faith is that it makes radiant all of personality and uses it in Christ's service. We sing 'For All Thy Saints Who From Their Labours Rest'. Let us make unceasing thanksgiving also for those who are with us and who turn our desires and our thoughts into ways of beauty and joy and service, and let us guard our personalities that we too may show forth the radiance which is of Christ.''

Opening Prayer.

Hymn 390.—''O Zion Haste'', verses 1, 4, 5.

Readings:

As he thinketh in his heart so is he.—Prov. 23: 7.

Think on these things.—Phil. 4: 8.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.—Matt. 12: 34.
To do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly.—Micah 6: 8.
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.—Matt. 22: 39.
Suffer all things lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.—I Cor. 9: 12.
For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle?—I Cor. 14: 8.
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!—Is. 52: 7.

Scripture.—Either Bible verses above, read by a group of women, or Is. 55.

Minutes.

Treasurer's Statement.

Business.

Offering and Solo, if desired; if no solo, Hymn 493, verses 1, 4, 5, 6.

Prayer

S. D. Gordon has said: ''The greatest thing any one can do for God and for man is to pray. It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing . . . The great people of the earth to-day are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who explain about prayer; but I mean those people who take time to pray.''

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''The poverty of modern Christian life will never be cured until a far greater portion of time, until a far greater earnestness is put into the hard and happy work of prayer.''

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''Prayer is the major part of the Stewardship of Christian Motherhood.''

Three brief prayers, by three members if possible:

That all the members, Home Helpers and active, engage to be intercessors, realizing the difference between that form and the prayer for self.
For our missionaries, their work, and their children.
Subject for June on the prayer card.

Hymn 388, verses 1, 4, 5.

Guiding Little Feet into Paths of Service

Vision

And in my dreams I saw you there
And heard you say,
''No hands can bear a gift
That are so filled with care.''
''What care?'' the King said, and He smiled
To hear you answer wailing wild,
''I only toil to feed a child!''
And then with such a look divine
That it awaked me with its shine,
He whispered, ''But the child is Mine''.

Short Address, suggested subject—The Mothers of the Bible or The Mothers of Wonderful Men.

Hymn 458, verses 1, 4, 5, 6.

> ''There is no age limit in God's service. Beautiful are the feet of the young who begin early to walk His ways, but as the setting sun has a richer glow than it had in the rising, and the autumn has more glorious tints than the spring-time ever knew, so the life of one who serves grows in beauty by each added year of service. The crown is at the end and not at the beginning of life's course. It awaits those who continue faithful to the end.''

Closing Prayer.

NOTE—This programme is suggestive only, and can be adapted to each Auxiliary. More familiar hymns may be used. For helps see the new leaflet by Mrs. Horne and the January *Glad Tidings,* pages 23, 24, 25, 26; April *Glad Tidings,* page 141.

Graduation of Deaconesses

IMPOSSIBLE would it be to estimate what our Church, our country and other countries owe to the work and influence of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home whose closing exercises in Knox College Chapel on the evening of April 13th were of peculiar interest, as the occasion of honouring not only the students, especially

1937 GRADUATES

Miss I. Gordon

Miss G. M. Rollo

Miss F. E. MacNeill

those about to begin their service, but two older deaconesses who have already given over twenty-five years' service, and the Principal who has completed ten years as head of the Home.

Rev. A. R. Skinner, Chairman of the Board, presided, with Rev. J. B. Skene, Rev. Stuart C. Parker, D.D., and Rev. E. Foreman assisting in the devotional service. The choir of Riverdale Church, under the direction of Mr. M. Spalding, led in the service of praise.

The Chairman, after expressing the deep appreciation of the Board of the assistance given through the year, especially by the ministers on the staff, and of the generous co-operation of the Principal, paid a high tribute to Miss Ferguson's work and influence during her ten years as Principal of the Training Home. Besides the ordinary duties of that position she had had to face the difficult task of practically creating a new spirit in the Church towards the Home whose benefits had to be made visible, but in all she had been conspicuously successful. For her splendid work, her real interest, and her sacrificial endeavours the Church owed her much.

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Mrs. Langdon Gehman

Miss Helena Gibbs

Loyalty to the Church and enthusiasm for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom—such, said Miss Ferguson in her report, has been the spirit of the students, a spirit exemplified in the offer of two of those graduating to go ''without purse and without script'', to do voluntary work under the Board of Missions. Greater concentration on studies had resulted in a more uniform class, a higher standard of scholarship, and more interested students; valuable experience had been gained in social service work, particularly with the Big Sisters, an organization for helping underprivileged children, and help received from the special courses of the Social Service Department of the University of Toronto, lectures of Secretaries of the Neighbourhood Workers, and courses at the School of Missions and the intercourse possible there with those engaged in all phases of world missions. The return of missionaries on furlough and the residence in the Home of other University students had added interest to the year. The cut in the grant was a matter of deep regret at a time when financial management was already difficult. Concluding, Miss Ferguson spoke of the fifty graduates now serving under the Church or the Women's Missionary Society in all parts of the Dominion, helping to make Canada a united Christian country, and in other lands, as evangelists, teachers, and nurses, ''bringing honour to our Church and converts to our Christ''.

Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., Secretary of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, presented diplomas and Teacher Training certificates to the three members of the graduating class: Miss Ione Gordon, Medicine Hat, Alberta; Miss Florence MacNeill, Cardigan, Prince Edward Island; and Miss Gertrude Rollo, Vancouver; and certificates to five first-year students: Miss Fay McTavish, Shakespeare, Ontario; Miss Anne MacVicar, Catalome, Cape Breton; Miss Elizabeth Irving, Preston, Ontario; Miss Rosetta Moors, Edmonton; and Miss Margaret Kennedy, Montreal; and to two special students, candidates accepted for service under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.): Mrs. Langdon Gehman, Reg.N., Galt, Ontario, and Miss Helena Gibbs, Simcoe, Ontario. Rev. W. T. McCree presented the Senior General Proficiency award to Miss Rollo, and the Junior to Miss Kennedy; and prizes to Miss Kennedy, Miss McTavish and Miss MacVicar, of the first year; and to Miss MacNeill and Miss Rollo, of the graduating class. To Miss Gordon, the special Alumnæ prize was presented by Miss Isabelle T. Hunter, President of the Alumnæ Association. To mark their long service, Miss Ferguson presented special gold deaconess pins to Miss Elizabeth Gibson, for twenty-six years a deaconess at Cooke's Church, Toronto, and to Miss Bessie L. Kirkwood, a 1912 graduate, deaconess at Knox Crescent Church, Montreal, since 1916.

In his address, Rev. H. E. Abraham, D.D., Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, after congratulating the graduates on the completion of their studies and on their choice of work, spoke of the great procession of women who from earliest times have played an active part in the Christian Church, emphasizing the fact that the strength of the Church has depended as much on the loyalty and faith of believing women as on the loyalty and faith of believing men. Reminding them that where there is no intellectual growth the religious life may fall into a superficial emotionalism, he suggested that, in order to avoid the tragedy of the busyness of life interfering with the growth of the mind, they at once outline a course of reading, so that they might bring to the service of their Master more mature minds. Their life, with the difficulties they were bound to meet, would be full of romance, as it touched human lives; with Christ's sense of the sacredness of those lives the days would never be grey or toneless. It would be full of adventure, too, testing their faith but leading to the deep realities of life and making them stronger to minister. ''He that *abideth* in me, he bringeth forth much fruit''; Dr. Abraham appealed to them to keep in touch with Christ, because only then would they keep their eyes on the real purpose of the work. One who abides in Christ will never mistake the task and lose oneself in the mass of detail. Their chief duty was to lift up the name of Him who was Himself lifted up. In abiding in Him they would be lifted above discouragements and gain something of His magnificent courage. Abide in Him—this is the most certain guarantee of their career and the finest equipment for a telling contribution to the service of their Lord.

What To Read

By Margaret Ness

CORONATION!

THUS we dedicate this page to English books.

First, let me say that the Literature Department now has a Reading Circle of ten members, representative of the various provinces, who are reviewing books with a view to ascertaining their value for reading and study purposes. Thus, it is hoped, only books of value will be stocked.

The Untouchables' Quest. Here are a few remarks from members of the Reading Circle: ''As a text-book for groups studying India, it would be of much value, both in interest and in matter.'' ''A clear and concise presentation of this movement—its origin, its history and the possibilities of this aspect of modern Indian life.'' ''The book is so challenging and up-to-date.'' ''I wish all our women could read it.'' ''The book is aimed at the 'thinking' reader, is constructive, readable and thoroughly British.'' 35 cents.

Finding Men For Christ. ''Consists of 10 little tales, stories from lives of real people with whom the writer made contacts.'' 35 cents.

So popular has Andrew Murray's little **Secret of the Abiding Presence** been in the last few months that the stock ran out. By now, however, copies will be available. There are quite a number of these little booklets in the series: **Secret of Intercession, Secret of the Faith Life, Secret of Inspiration, Secret of Fellowship, Secret of Brotherly Love, Secret of Christ our Life.** 15 cents each.

Facing Life. ''The thesis is that there is a Christian vocation for everyone, however circumscribed his lot.'' ''Deals with questions of the day, and presents them with frankness and vigour.'' ''Would appeal in particular to late 'teen-age and young people's groups.'' 30 cents.

Unto the Hills. A book for daily use. In the introduction the writer (S. T. Fraser) says: ''I have been asked, by some who found help in the thoughts given at the end of **The Dew of Stillness,** to prepare more for the use of busy or tired people, who find it hard to concentrate in their quiet times. I have tried to choose thoughts of God, which can be kept in mind during the day.'' 35 cents.

In the Steps of the Master and **In the Steps of St. Paul.** Two splendid travel books by H. V. Morton. $2.50 each.

Now, just to reveal Anglo-American friendship, let me tell you of material prepared by the Spiritual Life Group Committee of the Board of National Missions and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. There are two booklets, both entitled **How Shall I Follow Jesus To-day?** one for the leader and one for the group. They are prepared with the inexperienced group in mind. Mrs. Kelman and Mrs. Holman are enthusiastic about them. 20 cents each.

OUR LETTER BOX

From the Holy Land

Sea of Galilee.

WE saw the pyramids at Cairo and visited some tombs and the museum, then travelled to Palestine. The train service in Egypt and Palestine is not very good, but Palestine is a perfectly beautiful country. . . . The rains are just over and all the hills are beautifully green and covered with flowers, the traditional lily of the valley, a bright red or mauve anemone. The rose of Sharon is not yet in bloom. We spent six days in Jerusalem and motored to many spots, the Dead Sea and Jericho, as far south as Beersheba and to Jaffa and Tel Aviv. Jaffa is the centre of the orange industry, and the orange season is at its height now. They are, indeed, beautiful oranges and great quantities are found everywhere. We visited all the traditional spots in Jerusalem. How I should love to live there! The old city is within the wall and has dark, narrow streets, but the new city is a flourishing up-to-date one with beautiful shops and homes. The Garden of Gethsemane is a lovely spot kept by Franciscan fathers, full of pansies, violets and old olive trees. The Mount of Olives is not so lovely except the sites of some churches there, but there are old dirty Arab villages. From the Mount there is a perfect view of the temple area, on which is built the mosque of Omar. The Moslems are very careful that no Jew enters the area. The Golden Gate of the city which was the gate of Christ's triumphal entry is closed, but were it open would be the main entrance to the mosque. I can quite see why they keep it closed.

We spent one night on Mount Carmel at Haifa at a German Mission home. They are such wonderfully fine German Christians. Now we are on the Sea of Galilee at a lovely Hospice kept by German Roman Catholics. There is a beautiful garden and just here it is so much warmer than the rest of Palestine at this time of year. Across the lake from us is where Jesus fed the 5,000 and near by are the ruins of Capernaum. We had a beautiful service on Sunday commemorating the miracle. We visited the south end of the lake where there is a power plant on the Jordan and saw all through a Jewish colony begun in 1910. The Jewish colonies dot the countryside and have the most up-to-date houses found anywhere.

To-day I went with some ladies to where the Jordan flows into the lake. We went in a row-boat, and brought back the fish for dinner. The fish are called St. Peter's fish and are delicious.

We go from here to Damascus in Syria. Even from here we get a fine view of Mount Hermon, but will see more of it as we travel north. From Damascus we go to Beirut where we get the boat and hope to call at some of the places visited by St. Paul. —*(Mrs. Allan) Mavis Reoch.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

THIS month the eyes of the world are turned to the heart of the British Empire, London, where amid scenes of medieval pomp and splendour the King and Queen will be crowned.

Our minds are naturally with Queen Elizabeth. What thoughts will be hers as the crown is placed on her head and she takes the solemn oath that she will dedicate her life to the service and welfare of her people? Memories of other queens who have sat on that throne through Britain's long history will flash through her mind. She has been called to a great heritage and through the centuries there has been built up a tradition of service and devotion to the needs of the people.

As a girl never did our Queen dream, we suppose, that one day she would be called to reign over the far-flung British Empire. But she has been trained to believe that ''nobility has its obligations'', that life finds its fullest realization in service, that self must be relegated to the background, if one is to find the highest and best.

We remember another queen who was called from the ranks of the people to occupy a throne. Her name was Esther and she likewise had been trained to think of others. When the lives and liberty of her own people, the Jews, were in danger and her action alone could save them, she said, ''I will intercede for them with the king, and if I perish I perish.'' We admire her courage and self-forgetfulness, who would risk her life for her people, many of whom she had never seen. The name of Esther has come down to us through the ages because she lived up to what we expect of royalty. All the idealism of the people is centred in the King and Queen; we expect them to be what we should like to be.

''There is another king, one Jesus.'' His crown was of thorns, but He set the example not only for kings and queens, but for all people. Did He not say that we are the children of God? If that be true, and it is, then we have an obligation to mankind. *Noblesse oblige* applies to us as well as to others, for we, too, have been called to serve. Our station in life may not be high; it may be that we shall never be called to sit in the high places of the earth; but there is the voice of duty calling to us, that in utter self-forgetfulness we give of ourselves to the service of our fellow men, that we follow the path of Him who ''has made us kings and priests unto God.'' It is a high calling for us; it is not an easy road to travel; but by His help who gave all for us, we may follow Him in the way of holiness and self-sacrifice, and thus find our true selves in loyalty to God, to our King and Queen, and to the highest in ourselves.

Long life and health to their Majesties! God save the King! God save the Queen!

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

PROGRAMME FOR CORONATION MONTH

Estelle C. MacBeth

Leader.—Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.—Ps. 33: 12.

Hymn 648.

Leader.—On the morning of May the twelfth the great gilded state coach will emerge from the gates of Buckingham Palace; King George VI, accompanied by the Queen Consort, Elizabeth, will be on his way to his ''Hallowing.'' The Coronation ceremony will take place in Westminster Abbey, which will be crowded with more than seven thousand guests. Men and women of high rank or position from all parts of the Empire, and ambassadors and nobility from other countries will be there. It is a high honour to be invited to such an event.

Let us turn to Matt. 11: 28-30, where we find a Royal Invitation, and also to Luke 18: 16—this invitation is for young and old, rich and poor, even the smallest child.

Let us sing Hymn 758.

Leader.—Arriving at the Abbey their Majesties will go to the Chairs of State near the high altar. The Coronation then takes place, and after the anointing and crowning of the King and Queen Communion is administered to them as they kneel in their gorgeous array. The National Anthem and the Hallelujah Chorus are sung by the choir and congregation. The King and Queen walk together to the west door and so go forth to the waiting multitudes who are eager to give loyal greeting to their beloved Monarch.

Let us rise and sing Hymn 639: ''God Save the King''.

Leader.—It has been interesting to hear about the Coronation and think about the gorgeous robes of state and the priceless jewels which have been so much a part of this wonderful ceremony of crowning a King. These royal jewels are worth a fabulous sum, but there is something brighter and lovelier than any of these—the hearts of little children who love Jesus. Some day they will shine as stars in **Christ's Crown.**

Will someone read the verse about these precious jewels.—Malachi 3: 17.

Let us sing Hymn 794: ''When He Cometh''.

Leader.—We are thankful that we are members of the greatest Empire in the world. Every Mission Band boy or girl can help to make our country a worthy part of that Empire by being obedient, reverent and self-controlled, and in time be prepared to take the place of the men and women who by their industry and perseverance have added to her glory. She calls upon you to do your share, by unselfishness and love, in making happy homes, for they are her very life. As she calls upon the King to serve his people, she calls upon each of you to do your part at home. On this Coronation Day boys and girls in every part of the Empire will be thinking of their King and wanting to follow him as he promises to serve God and his people.

Ephesians 6: 14-17.

Sing Psalm 126, or Hymn 546, verses 1 and 4.

Prayer.—''Our Heavenly Father, grant that all our Mission Band girls and boys in the British Empire may be true to our King and Queen, our country and our flag, and thus showing our devotion to our earthly Sovereign, may we be more loyal subjects of the King of Kings.''

Hymn 645, verses 1, 3, 4, 5, or Hymn 640.

Note.—It is suggested that leaders supplement the above outline by describing the Coronation Procession and Ceremony as fully as they can; also, if possible, telling the legends of the Ampulla, the Ring and the Stone. On an outline map of the world they might have the children colour, or pin flags to mark, the British possessions, and pin tiny Church flags where our W.M.S. has work within the Empire. (These tiny flags can be made of paper.) Stories about or games played by the children of India or British Guiana could be used. Our Mission Band Flag Ceremony could be used in closing.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose

Motive in Giving

STEWARDSHIP may become a delight as well as a duty if right methods are employed. Some make their givings a last demand upon their earnings instead of a first demand and they never know certainly whether they are going to be able to give or not. Others arrange their income and have a fixed proportion for Church, gifts, and benevolences and very often have money ahead waiting to be spent. Money is very much like work; much depends upon whether the will or necessity is in control. If it is wise to drive our work instead of letting our work drive us, it is surely prudent to control our finances and not let our random impulses decide our expenditures. A simple system of bookkeeping and information about worthy projects make personal and family finance a joy instead of a bugbear.

The motive for giving largely decides the moral value of giving. Those who live only thinking of themselves and with no regard to the welfare of others can never be happy, yet a Christian does not give to be happy—that would be buying happiness. The desire to help others is a genuinely good motive; money can do so much more good in circulation than when hoarded. Gratitude is another motive for giving: we gain so many unearned favours from sun, sea, earth and air that it is reasonable to assist those less fortunate than ourselves. The highest motive is to give sacrificially in the name of Christ, remembering that He taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive, remembering also that He gave His life for others.

—The Sunday at Home.

A Page's Road Song

(13th Century)

Jesu,
If Thou wilt make
Thy peach trees bloom for me
And fringe my bridle path both sides
With tulips, red and free,
If Thou wilt make Thy skies as blue
As ours in Sicily,
And make the little leaves that sleep
On every bending tree—
I promise not to vexen Thee
That Thou shouldst make eternally
Heaven my home;
And right contentedly
A singing page I'll be
Here in Thy spring-time,
Jesu.

—Percy.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. J. M. Moodie, 2719, 14th St., S.W., Calgary, Press Secretary

EDMONTON P.S.—Organization of a Young Women's Auxiliary in First Church was announced at the Easter Thank-offering meeting. The Secretaries' quarterly reports were most encouraging, the Home Helpers' report being the best since March, 1934. A beautiful, inspiring Easter message, prepared by the late Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird and read by Mrs. N. B. Moors, brought back fond memories of one who had served so faithfully in the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Church. Mrs. H. Sykes gave a wonderful message on "What Easter means to the World."

Calgary P.S.—The March meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary was well attended. Mrs. G. Doull presided. Reports were given, and plans made for the Easter Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. T. A. Rodger gave an excellent paper on our missionary work in India. At the February meeting, a Life Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. R. Hamilton, and at the Mission Band meeting a Junior certificate given to Kathleen Smart.

Grace Church Auxiliary sponsored the 1937 project of the C.G.I.T., which took the form of a pageant portraying incidents in the lives of missionaries, ranging from the early pioneers to those of the present day—Martyn, Carey, Moffatt, Livingstone, Hudson Taylor, the Mackays, the Goforths, Father Damien, Dr. Gushue-Taylor, Dr. Jessie MacBean, Dr. Caroline Macdonald, Kagawa, and including very fittingly Miss Frieda Matthews and Miss Hazel Macdonald, the two deaconesses towards whose support they are giving. The opening and closing, the script, the dramatization, the music and lighting effects were all arranged by the leaders and the girls. Seventy-five young people, including twenty-five young men and boys, took part, and the pageant, as well as being very entertaining, was a missionary education. It was presented two nights to large audiences.

At the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, on March 25th, a large attendance greeted Miss Pelton, the Young Women's Travelling Secretary, who has recently arrived in Alberta to continue her work among the young people. In a stirring address based on the text: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest", Miss Pelton gave a vivid picture of the fields white unto harvest in Japan, China, and India, told of the difficult problems our missionaries have to meet in these countries, and the great need for more workers in the harvest and for funds to carry on. The Easter spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, in the music, the Scripture lesson and the prayers.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA P.S.—The annual meeting of Victoria Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church. Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Provincial President, gave a splendid account of the year's work throughout British Columbia and emphasized a spirit of optimism for 1937. At the morning session departmental reports were read. As a whole, the work accomplished by the Presbyterial was very gratifying: many Auxiliaries had met their allocations and almost all had increased their givings. ''Surely the Lord has been with us during the year and we go forward into another year with prayer and hopes for better things in His name and for His work.''

Mrs. A. A. McKinnon was re-elected President. Mrs. A. G. McDonald installed the new officers.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, with a group of devoted women present. There was a good representation of women from the different Presbyterian Churches, some of whom took part in the service.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, held an interesting meeting, at which Adjutant Ede of the Salvation Army delivered an inspiring address on ''The Ministry of Women'', showing the important part played by women down the ages, especially in missionary work. His stimulating address was thought-provoking and inspired the members to fresh endeavour in the Lord's work.

Miss Laura Pelton has been speaking to Auxiliaries and other groups in this Presbyterial and all feel much refreshed by her inspiring talks on our home mission work.

Miss Frances White, Young Women's Secretary, presided at a rally of Young Women's Auxiliaries early in March in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, to which Executive members of the Senior Auxiliaries had been invited. Miss Laura Pelton chose as her theme ''Obedience''. The devotional period was conducted by members of three Junior Auxiliaries. After a social hour, the evening closed with the singing of the Young Women's Conference Hymn.

Westminster P.S.—The annual meeting of Westminster Presbyterial was held in St. Stephen's Church, New Westminster, the President, Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, in the chair. The morning session was given over to hearing reports and routine business. At noon a box luncheon in the school room gave opportunity for an enjoyable mingling of friends. Business was resumed in the afternoon and addresses were given by Miss Ellen Douglas, on her work in India, Miss Laura Pelton and Miss S. V. Scott, local deaconess. The Mission Bands of New Westminster were presented with prizes for work done during the year.

After dinner provided by the women of St. Stephen's and the Presbyterial, greetings were brought from Synod, Presbytery, Y.W. Societies and from the Provincial Society. The evening meeting was in charge of the young women. Miss Pelton gave a soul-inspiring talk on our great responsibility and the necessity of self-examination. Mrs. John McPherson gave the closing message, taking as her text ''Be ye doers of the Word.''

During the afternoon a touching tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. Alex. Lamb, who before 1925 was one of our most loved and devoted workers. The officers for 1937 were installed by Mrs. R. M. Thomson. Mrs. Fowlie is again President.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON P.S.—The Easter Thank-offering of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Church, Brandon, was held on March 16th. Mrs. E. C. Tatton presided; Miss J. Gillespie took the devotional service, and the speaker was Rev. Mr. Wedderburn.

Winnipeg P.S.—The Winnipeg Presbyterial has had the privilege of having Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, for three weeks. She has addressed the various Auxiliaries and met with the officers in conference, which has been of great benefit to all who heard her. Miss Lamont also addressed an open meeting in First Presbyterian Church Hall on March 23rd and gave a very inspiring message, ''What Easter means to us'', to a large audience.

Superior P.S.—The C.G.I.T. of First Church, Port Arthur, has gone from a membership of 19 in October to 47 in January. On March 13th the C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's, Fort William, held a very successful tea. The C.G.I.T., of Knox Church, Fort Frances, under the leadership of Mrs. Coldridge, has begun to contribute to mission funds of the Presbyterial. A new C.G.I.T. has been organized at Geraldton under the leadership of Mrs. George McCutcheon. Gordon McCutcheon of the Janet E. Smellie Mission Band of First Church, Port Arthur, having entirely through his own efforts secured his fourth seal, has now become a Life Member of the W.M.S.

Mrs. W. A. McLennan was a guest at a meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Church, Port Arthur, on March 24th, speaking on the changes that the W.M.S. has made and may have to make to meet new conditions. She stressed the necessity and importance of sending Christian literature to the foreign fields. After high tea under the auspices of the Senior and Y.W. Auxiliaries Miss Smellie, acting President of the Presbyterial, gave a short address of welcome. Greetings were brought by Rev. J. A. McMahon on behalf of First Church and the Presbytery, and by representatives of the different organizations of First Church, the Presbyterial and the Provincial Societies. That evening at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the Y.W.A. over which Rev. J. A. McMahon presided, Mrs. McLennan again gave an interesting, inspiring address on the work undertaken by young women and their part in this great adventure.

On March 25th in Fort William Miss Jean Stevenson entertained the W.M.S. executives at her home in honour of Mrs. McLennan. A supper was served in the Sunday School hall of St. Andrew's Church with Mrs. McLennan, Rev. A. H. Johnston and the Presidents of the various missionary groups of Port Arthur as guests. Mrs. J. Gibb, President of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, presided. Mrs. McLennan gave a short talk on the work of the Council. Later at a service in the Church Mrs. McLennan gave an interesting résumé of what is being done on the overseas fields. After the meeting an informal reception was held by the Young Women's Guild of the Church.

The women regret exceedingly Mrs. Strachan's illness, but they enjoyed and were inspired by Mrs. McLennan's addresses.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 166 HAMMERSMITH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

THE executive of Algoma P.S. held a curio tea at the home of the President, Miss Gertrude Templeton, Sault Ste. Marie. Costumes, jewelry, wood carving and embroidery from India and Japan were on display. These articles were loaned by Mrs. J. L. Nattress and her daughter who spent a year in India visiting a sister, a missionary there. Miss Nattress also told of many interesting experiences she had while in India. Proceeds were for the expense fund.

A successful joint meeting was held of the W.M.S. organizations of Westminster Church, Sault Ste. Marie, the Senior Auxiliary, the Grace Stone Y.W.A., the King's Daughters and the Young People's Society, the King's Daughters taking the programme, assisted by Mrs. H. Woodsin.

Sectional meetings have proved most helpful in Orangeville P.S. One held in Flesherton covered nine Auxiliaries. Mrs. C. G. Jones of Grand Valley gave the message, on ''The Christ'' from the Gospel of St. John. Three ministers attended. Offerings were good. Orangeville P.S. rejoices in having raised their allocation for the first time in several years. This was the result of a special drive.

Mrs. Alexander Emmerson who for thirty consecutive years served as Secretary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Chalmers Church, Whitechurch, Maitland P.S., was, on her retirement recently, presented with an address of appreciation and a token of remembrance.

Members of Chatham P.S. feel they are off to a good start in their work for 1937. They presented an In Memoriam certificate to Rev. Fred Goforth of Wallaceburg in memory of his father, Dr. Goforth.

Every organization in the Presbyterial contributed towards this gift. At a meeting of the Auxiliary of First Church, Chatham, an Honorary Membership, the gift of Mrs. George Long, was presented to Mrs. Thomas Smith, their Treasurer for the past ten years. A recent meeting of the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Leamington, took the form of a visit with Miss Marion Williamson, Amkhut, India. Mrs. Robert Maxwell, who has known Miss Williamson for years, read letters received from her and recalled interesting memories of her as a little girl. The meeting was intensely interesting. Rev. F. R. Anderson gave an instructive and interesting talk on ''The Value of Missions'' to the Dresden Auxiliary. Members of Duart W.M.S. Auxiliary presented two Life Memberships at their February meeting. A missionary tea was given by Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary, Windsor, the proceeds of which were very gratifying. The Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary, St. Andrew's, Windsor, sponsored a St. Patrick's tea which was a splendid success financially and otherwise.

Much progress in all departments of the work was reported at the annual meeting of Guelph P.S. in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. In membership increase Fergus led with an increase of ten; Paisley Block came second, and Elora and Central Church, Galt, third and fourth. Home Helpers increased by 117 new members. In givings the Presbyterial exceeded their allocation by a small margin. Miss Mary E. Anderson spoke on her work with the Koreans in Japan and told of the benefit and pleasure derived from the personal contacts being made with the women who are behind her in her missionary endeavour. Mrs. Victor A. Smith, Toronto, in a brief address, conveyed the greetings of the Provincial Board. She said she realized after hearing the reports that the members were working not only for the Presbyterial but for the extension of the Kingdom of God. It was expected, she said, that two new workers were going out to Manchuria this year. Mrs. M. B. Davidson, Galt, the retiring President, was presented with flowers and Mrs. W. P. Sutton, Corresponding Secretary for the past eight years, was presented with an Honorary Membership. Mrs. W. P. Gamble, Guelph, is the new President.

Much encouragement was felt at the last executive meeting of Saugeen P.S. when it was learned that $100.00 more had been raised than the previous year. Increased membership and givings were reported, especially among the Young Women's Auxiliaries. Easter Thank-offering meetings were being well attended.

The Auxiliary of Riverdale Church, Toronto, celebrated its twenty-first birthday. Guests were present from St. John's, Rogers Memorial, Westminster and St. Matthew's Auxiliaries. Miss Mary E. Anderson in her address told of the progress during the past nine years of work among the Koreans in Japan.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, 128 Ellice St., Beauharnois, Press Secretary

MONTREAL P.S.—The largest attendance in years characterized the annual Easter Mission Band Rally held on Easter Monday in St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles. Representing sixteen Churches, 399 children contributed to a programme of varied interest, including choruses, playlets, recitations and songs, all emphasizing the message of Easter. Miss Lillian Morton, Mission Band Secretary, presided and was aided in the arrangement and direction of the programme by the assistant secretary, Mrs. Theodore G. Morgan. The Rev. A. G. Rintoul, of St. Matthew's, extended a welcome.

Members of the Mission Bands from the following Churches took part: Kydd Memorial, Outremont, Stanley, Campbell Memorial, Maisonneuve, St. Lambert, First Presbyterian, Kensington, Chinese, MacVicar Memorial, Lachine, Verdun, Scott Memorial and St. Matthew's. Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of the Montreal Presbyterial, presented the banners to prize winners amongst city Bands; St. Matthew's, St. Lambert and Lachine; and Miss C. E. Cameron, President of the Provincial Society, presented those to out-of-town Bands from Athelstan and Ormstown.

Devotional exercises were in charge of Miss Audrey Allan and Miss Kathleen Atkinson of Montreal West. Miss Violet Cavey of Kensington offered a dedicatory prayer. A vote of thanks to St. Matthew's Church was moved by Miss Betty MacDonald of Kydd Memorial.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina, Press Secretary

REGINA P.S.—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Church, Regina, presented Mrs. J. E. Tanner with a Life Membership certificate as a mark of appreciation of her faithful, devoted services as President. Mrs. S. Farley and Mrs. J. Collingwood made the presentation.

In Appreciation

In connection with Miss Macarthur's departure from Regina, it would be an impossible task to attempt to express the feeling of regret that prevails among all who for the past seven years have been in any way associated with her as our Presbyterian deaconess at large in Regina.

The finest testimony to Miss Macarthur is the work she has done, the lives she has helped, and the foundations she has laid. Her people here are sorely distressed that the need of her services elsewhere is calling her from their midst, while at the same time they cannot but rejoice that recognition of her worth and work is opening to her a new field requiring special gifts for special service.

The past three weeks have been crowded with events arranged in her honour, at which tangible recognition has been made of the work she has done and the place she holds in Regina. Neither gifts nor words of appreciation have been in any sense adequate to convey all that is in the hearts of the people here. It is not given to many in a short space of years to become so deeply entrenched in the affections and esteem of the community.

From the sadness of parting from Miss Macarthur we turn to the gladness of welcoming Miss Helen Ross who comes as Miss Macarthur's successor. Miss Ross is not a stranger to us, and we consider ourselves singularly fortunate in having one of her devotion and experience to take up and carry on the work so well begun.

To Miss Macarthur we extend our very best wishes and wish her godspeed as she enters her new work, expressing the hope that at no distant date she may come this way again to renew old friendships and associations.

To Miss Ross we say: Welcome, thrice welcome! Our loyal and earnest support will be yours and coming days will cement more firmly the ties that began some years ago when you came to carry on here during the months when duty called Miss Macarthur to other work in Quebec.

Saskatoon P.S.—The Auxiliaries of Wilkie, Parkview, Saskatoon and North Battleford mention interesting papers which have been contributed recently on ''The Life of a Missionary's Wife'', ''The Week of Prayer'', ''The Work in Mongolia'', ''A Review of the Life and Work of the Late Dr. Jonathan and Mrs. Goforth from 1900-1935''.

Parkview Auxiliary reports also one Home Helper who has become an active member.

Treasurer's Statement

March 31st, 1937

RECEIPTS

Easter Gift	$ 25.00
Refund from Vegreville Residence	125.00
A Friend "Christian Literature in Manchuria"	50.00
Provincial Givings:	
Ontario	4,500.00
Quebec	900.00
	$5,600.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 414.16
Vegreville	250.00
Chinese in Canada	937.14
Birtle Indian School	585.29
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	554.16
Mistawasis	45.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	75.00
New Liskeard	70.83
Saskatoon	75.00
Vegreville	210.82
India:	
Bhil Field	4,741.00
Jhansi Field	4,764.75
British Guiana	385.00
South China	250.00
Candidates	48.00
Formosa	2,779.16
Japan	75.00
Organization	540.00
Publications	612.13
Special Retiring Allowances	146.66
Insurance	18.50
Supplies	12.49
Student	50.00
Education of Chinese Candidate	56.00
Deputation	882.67
Foreign Missions Conference	103.00
Canadian School of Missions	100.00
Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home	100.00
Knox College	100.00
Library	23.50
Welcome and Welfare and Deaconesses	1,488.33
Exchange	1,336.37
Administration	680.95
	$22,510.91

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—	
Knox Crescent Auxiliary, Montreal, through Miss L. C. Lamb, in memory of her brother, the late Mr. R. J. Lamb	$ 500.00
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Editorial

A New Member Welcomed

THE Council Executive is glad to announce that Miss Lundia MacBeth has been elected to fill the vacancy on the Board. Miss MacBeth, who is a graduate of the University of Toronto and a former member of the Toronto Public Library staff, has given valuable service as Literature Secretary of Toronto Presbyterial.

Public Health Work Begun

THE public health nurse so eagerly awaited in Japan has begun work among the Koreans there. The Korean women, Miss MacLean writes, rejoice to have some one to teach them about health and hygiene. This new service should greatly assist the work of the mission.

Home on Furlough

ON 4th May, Miss Isabel Taylor, of Tansui, Formosa, arrived in Canada on her first furlough, and will probably spend the summer at her home in Orillia, Ontario.

A Year of Celebrating

THIS year is a notable one for the women of the Church of Scotland. On the 3rd of March the centenary of the Women's Foreign Mission was observed in services of thanksgiving ''for all this organization has meant and means for the women of Scotland as well as for those of other lands''. Further celebrations are deferred until later in the year in order not to interfere with the celebrations of the Jubilee of the Woman's Guild which were to culminate in a great mass meeting on 18th May in Waverley Market, Edinburgh, to which each of over 1,900 branches and each of the seventy Presbyterial councils were asked to send two delegates. Our Council Executive asked Mrs. Alexander Forbes, of Aberdeen, formerly of Grande Prairie, Alberta, to represent our Society at this meeting.

Born in Jobat

On 11th March, 1937, at Jobat, India, to Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Toombs, of Barwani, India, a son.

Congratulations

APRIL was a happy month for the Hungarian Presbyterians in Toronto. Mr. Charles Steinmetz, who graduated from Knox College this year, was ordained on 15th April in Knox College Chapel. The following evening the members of his congregation and friends met in Knox Church to congratulate him and express their appreciation of the faithful service rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz while he was taking his college course. We would join in congratulations to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz on the former's success and in sincere wishes for continued blessing in their work among the Hungarian Canadians.

More Subscribers Needed

IN April we were glad to announce that the increased number of subscribers last year made it possible to enlarge the *Glad Tidings.* Now we are faced with the fact that, instead of the further increase which might be expected with somewhat better economic conditions this year, on 30th April we had 680 fewer subscriptions than on that date in 1936. In three provinces — British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan — the number is now larger than last year's total, but the three others are behind. What can be done to remedy matters?

With the July-August number the half-yearly subscription rate comes into force, twenty cents if sent in a parcel to one address, twenty-five cents if mailed separately. The back numbers of the magazine——January to June—cannot be had at the lower rate; if all numbers are desired, the regular subscription must be paid.

Scholarships for Missionaries and Nationals

WE have been asked to publish the following information.

Six assignments were made for 1937-38 for Missionary Fellowships and Scholarships by Union Theological Seminary, New York. The appointees are missionaries and nationals in China (4), India (1), and Korea (1).

Several Missionary Fellowships (yielding $750 a year and limited to Seminary graduates) and Missionary Scholarships (yielding $450 a year preferably, though not necessarily, for Seminary graduates) are available annually for missionaries on furlough and for especially qualified nationals of mission lands. Candidates should be persons of special attainments or promise who have already been engaged in actual service, not undergraduate students. **Applications for 1938-1939** should reach the Seminary by January 1st, 1938. **Further information** can be obtained from the Registrar of the Seminary.

National Mission Work

HOSPITALS

THE Secretary is gratified to be able to report progress in our hospital work. Under capable leadership, many more patients have been cared for and the interests of the Women's Missionary Society furthered. The Superintendents report efficient nursing staffs, at all times faithful to the task entrusted to them. The deep appreciation of the Council Executive is extended to the Hospital Aids of Canora and Vegreville for their generous gifts.

The **Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.**, Miss M. W. Cuddy, Superintendent, reports 994 patients admitted, over 100 more than in 1935; the number has doubled in the past four years. There were 131 maternity cases, with a percentage of 96.2 of living births. All departments showed an increase in work; there were 25 more births than in 1935, and slightly over 60 more operations. There were 21 cases of communicable diseases. Patients' days increased to 8,365, which entitles the hospital to a grant of 50 cents a day. This has meant a very busy year for the Superintendent and her staff of five nurses and a part-time nurse.

The hospital enjoyed a much better year financially than for many years. Receipts increased with the increase in the number of patients. The cost per day per patient was $2.64. Miss Cuddy attended to the collecting of many accounts, the result being that she is now able to pay the salary of a nurse, as well as finance many improvements to the hospital. An outstanding event of 1936 was the installation of a water-main from the town to the hospital one mile distant. Before this the water had to be hauled from town at considerable expense and inconvenience. We are quite delighted with this accomplishment. A new roof was put on the hospital, and new flooring and linoleum put in the main kitchen in the basement.

As in former years the supplies were most acceptable; with so many maternity cases, the infants' garments are much needed. The Hospital Aid installed a new suction pump in the operating room, and provided money for twelve stainless steel bedside tables in the wards, their gifts amounting to $390.00.

Miss Cuddy closes her report with the wish that we may ever find it possible to continue our mission work at Canora. Hospital service to a community is one of the best channels of expressing the principles of Christian life; thus may we as a Christian people demonstrate to those we serve the genuineness of our faith.

The **Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.**—The Superintendent, Miss A. L. McPherson, reports the number of patients treated in 1936 as 344, a decrease of 36 from 1935; 175 medical, 126 surgical and 43 obstetrical. While the number of patients decreased, owing to several long chronic cases last year, the number of hospital days was increased. There is a slight improvement in collections. When the patient is unable to pay the account in cash, wood, meat and produce are accepted.

Improvements were made to the hospital: a new roof was put on part of the building and the dressing and operating rooms were painted. The Hospital Aid contributed $50.00 towards a new electric washing machine, as well as a Simmons hospital mattress and other gifts, including their annual shower of one hundred quarts of canned fruit. The Superintendent was able to help needy families through the splendid bales received. The children's garments especially were most acceptable.

Miss MacPherson wishes to express her appreciation to the Hospital Aid, to our Women's Missionary Society, and to Dr. Reid for his many kindnesses and his loyal support of our hospital.

PRESBYTERIAN RESIDENCES

HUNTINGDON, QUE.—Mrs. Gouldthorpe reports a very successful year in the Residence, with a record attendance of twenty-five. At the opening exercises on September 14th many prizes were awarded. Two boys received prizes of $15.00 and $5.00 as well as medals for general proficiency. Medals for marksmanship and physical training were also presented. One boy had his tuition fee returned by the School Board, as a reward for coming first in grade VIII. This Residence still retains the enviable record of never having had a pupil fail. Two boys who graduated have secured positions of trust in banks.

The children attend Church and Sunday School regularly; the girls are active in C.G.I.T. and the younger children belong to the Mission Band. With Church activities, school work and sports, all are kept busy. Reading matter is much appreciated by the pupils, especially such magazines as *Popular Science* or *Mechanics*.

To those who have in any way contributed to the happiness of the Residence Mrs. Gouldthorpe extends her deepest appreciation.

Vegreville, Alta.—On January 1st, 1936, the Girls' Residence was closed, the girls moving over to the Boys' Residence. Under the supervision of Miss Isabel Gibson, twenty pupils were enrolled until the middle of April; from then until the end of June twenty-four; for the last four months of the year, nineteen. The children's health has been excellent.

The boys and girls have a certain amount of work to do; the boys take their turn doing the dishes, preparing vegetables and scrubbing. Devotional services are held morning and evening. The children also attend Church services, Sunday School and Mission Band.

Our appreciation of Mrs. Miller's services must again be recorded. She again canned sufficient vegetables and fruit to keep the Residence supplied all year.

Miss Gibson was able to return to the Treasurer the amount sent for maintenance and have a small balance to start the new year. She is deeply grateful for the splendid bales of useful articles received through the Supply Department.

New Liskeard, Ont.—Miss Margaret Robertson, Superintendent. When the Residence opened in January, there were only four girls in attendance. Three girls desirous of returning, because of overcrowding at the school, had to go home. In September when the Residence re-opened there were five girls for a time. The fee of $120.00 demanded by the School Board for pupils from Quebec Province means that no pupils come to the Residence from Quebec. That and the fact that many of the girls are in private homes accounts for the Residence attendance being so small.

The spiritual side of their home life is stressed. The girls are taught to take part in the worship service morning and evening. They enjoyed a very happy Christmas party, with a tree well laden with gifts for everyone. Miss Robertson wishes to thank all those who remembered them with fruit, Christmas gifts and magazines.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Another very successful year passed under the careful supervision of Miss Elizabeth Geddes and we are happy to report a full house throughout the year. This does not mean a great deal more money, as there are so many more students than in the past few years, but we rejoice that the Residence is now fulfilling its original purpose. There was a family of thirty-six during the school year and in the summer twenty-three, besides some University Summer School girls. A number of visitors were also entertained.

The financial report was quite satisfactory, the year closing with a small surplus.

A new electric refrigerator was installed, and alterations made to some of the rooms, so that more girls might be accommodated.

The Summer School as usual was a very happy event, with a record attendance of one hundred. The lectures and the fellowship meant a great deal to the young people. It is a time for discussing problems, strengthening and acquiring new ideals. Our thanks are due Miss Geddes for the splendid way in which she cared for the material welfare of all.

The health of those living at the Residence has been very good, except for a few cases of flu and measles.

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

"THERE is no foundation for the common belief that the Indians of Canada are a vanishing race. The census which is taken at five year intervals shows a substantial increase during the last fifteen years at least." There are in Canada 122,911 Indians, of whom 112,500 live on reservations.

Indians in Canada are minors under the law and are the wards of the Department of Indian Affairs. In education and the religious teaching the Church and the Department of Indian Affairs work together. Until the boys and girls reach the age of sixteen government grants are given for their support in schools conducted by Churches.

Kenora, Ontario, Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School.—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Byers.—The close of 1936 found the school in the throes of an epidemic of influenza which laid low both staff and pupils (108 were ill at one time), taxing the energies of those able to be about and completely disorganizing work for a time. We are grateful that no cases were serious and no lives lost.

The farm training shows substantial results, besides supplying the establishment with needed vegetables, hay for cattle, etc. Most of the meat comes from the farm, 40 hogs and 50 sheep being still on hand. Poultry care gives further experience and provides a change of menu. The diet of the children is most carefully planned, and increasing health and energy are shown.

Four pupils passed the entrance examinations this year. For 1935 and 1936 the list is as follows: 1935 Fraser Kesick, Jimmie Conijan, Alfred Lindsay; 1936 Charles Patoosh, Fred Green, Mary Green, Erma Wapey. Gerald Redsky carried off the art prizes at Brandon Fair, and received special congratulations from the adjudicator in the public press of Manitoba. Indians are very musical, and the service of song and instrument continues to be a great incentive to the boys and girls. Sunday School and Church services and daily worship in the residence are making their impression on these young lives, and many are living a very real Christian life. During the year 162 were enrolled.

Birtle, Manitoba, Indian Residential School.—Rev. E. H. Lockhart, Superintendent. With 116 enrolled financing was more difficult than with a larger school, as "overhead" is practically the same. Twenty united with the Church. Thus Christ is being loved and followed by these interesting young people.

We extend a welcome to Mr. Smith, who was appointed Indian agent some months ago. His files of Indian documents dating from 1880 would delight a historian and collector.

The flu epidemic prostrated many here also for a time. General health is much better; trachoma is being conquered and tuberculosis prevented by sanitary living and proper diet and exercise.

The then Moderator of the General Assembly, early in 1936 after visiting both these schools, expressed his amazement at the scope, quality and type of work and its results, and said, ''Why is more of this school work not known through the Church? If this were the only work accomplished by the Women's Missionary Society, its programme would be most worth while.''

May we remind ourselves that the same requirements are demanded of these teachers and schools as of any others, with the addition of religious instruction, although only half of each day is spent in the school room, the other being given to farm, domestic or other training. Government grants amount to $165 per pupil per year, less five per cent.; the Government having given in 1936, $40,540.69 in grants to the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society.

Mistawasis, Saskatchewan, Improved Day School.—Rev. W. W. Moore, B.A. This versatile gentleman serves as minister to Indians and whites at several preaching points, and conducts school five days a week for the children who are not yet old enough to be hundreds of miles away at Birtle School. A number of non-treaty children are also enrolled.

The high light of the year was the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the signing of Carlton Treaty No. 6, organized by Rev. Mr. Moore and co-operated in by other Churches. Ten days before the event the Department of Indian Affairs co-operated by providing funds for the feeding of 3,500 Indians who attended. Boy Scouts assisted in traffic regulation. An Indian parade participated in by 2,000 in costume began the event. Pony races in which Paul Littlecrow captured honours, football and other sports, and a play written by Rev. Mr. Moore and given by Indians, were part of the celebration, as well as the interesting Stem Dance. The Jubilee was honoured by the presence of Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, whom the Indians made a blood brother with the name of Okemow Otataowkow (teller of tales). A white robe of cariboo skin richly embroidered, with a head dress of feathers, was presented to him, and a bag matching it sent to your Secretary as a token of appreciation of the Women's Missionary Society and the Presbyterian Church.

''This celebration has given them renewed pride in their own wonderful past and was unique in that it was a happy combination of the finest Christianity has to offer, namely the substitution of the Christian religion for the former heathen practices, retaining their old traditions in dress and song.'' ''The religious dedication service was the high light of the three days' celebration.''

It is a source of pride to us that this big affair was sponsored by our missionary at Mistawasis as representative of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Thus the work goes on, and our hearts are cheered. The banner of Jesus Christ is followed more and more by these people, whose history Canadians are gradually learning to appreciate.

To those who gave the clothing required for the schools and reserves; to the principals and staffs, the Indian agents and the officials of the Department of Indian Affairs; to Presbytery and Synod Conveners and Synodical missionaries thanks is due. To the parents who give up their children for so many months of the year that they may be trained go our best wishes and appreciation. It is in the earnest hope of helping to mould fine, stalwart Christian young men and women that all share in this great work for the first citizens of Canada.

DEACONESSES-AT-LARGE

IT has been said that in a minute of time there can only be so much manual labour, but that to the minute can be added thought and love. This is just what the deaconesses who are serving our Society are doing, adding ''thought and love'' to their minutes of labour.

It is impossible to report at any length the various activities of the ten deaconesses who are now working for our Christ under the direction of the Women's Missionary Society. We are, however, pleased to report what we believe is an advance in this department, the sending out of two graduate nurse deaconesses. In April Miss Helen Madill, a graduate nurse anxious to serve her Church in a pioneer field, was sent to Brownvale in the Peace River district. Here her professional services vary, ranging from medical advice and treatment to dentistry and obstetrical cases. Besides, she assists Miss Todd with Church services, Mission Bands and girls' organizations. These two young women travel together when possible, as driving a team on a forty-mile trip is rather hard on one person, especially with weather thirty or forty below zero, as it so often is in winter. A small house is being built for Miss Madill at a point farther north; when this is completed she will be able to reach the people without travelling such long distances.

In November an urgent request came to the Council Executive for a nurse deaconess to assist Dr. Savage at Dixonville, and on December 26th Miss Verlie Evans, a graduate nurse, left her home in Vancouver for Dixonville where she is at present serving our Society.

In response to a request from the Ontario Provincial Advisory Committee, Miss Roberta Smith, formerly a deaconess in Vancouver, gave six months' service in Algoma Presbytery where she was successful in organizing Mission Bands and other groups in some of the outlying places.

A long cherished hope was realized by Macleod Presbytery in October with the transfer to that Presbytery of Miss Frieda Matthews, who had given valuable service in Red Deer Presbytery. With Shaughnessy as her headquarters Miss Matthews is organizing her field and hopes are high for splendid results, especially with the young people and women of the districts. In order that the area in Red Deer Presbytery still requiring the services of a deaconess be not left to carry on alone, Miss Hazel Macdonald was removed to that field from Winnipeg. In Winnipeg her outstanding work was among the young people of the congregations; through her effort summer camps were successfully arranged, girls' groups organized with interested leaders, and Young Women's organizations formed.

Miss Mabel Booth and Miss Helen Ross taken in front of Saskatoon Residence

It is interesting to note that the work is progressing in our pioneer fields in the Peace River district. Miss Mary Todd reports that the Brownvale field has been enlarged by the addition of two points — Lac Cardinal, where service is held every second Sunday and Mission Band fortnightly, Rev. Mr. Fraser and Miss Madill being in charge; and Peace Prairie, where Miss Madill has Mission Band every second week. Miss Margaret Grigor continues to carry on extensive work from Wanham. Two new points are being served, Fox Creek and Belloy, while Blueberry Mountain, fifty-two miles distant, has a monthly service conducted by Rev. Mr. Atkinson. At Wanham where the only church on the field is, the children bought the Communion set with their birthday pennies, the cost being $7.00. An interesting feature of this field is that at each point there is an organized Mission Band contributing to the funds of our Society, that the women's organizations, besides assisting their own local churches, send contributions to our Society, and that the entire field sent $216.46 to the Church budget.

Conditions under which our deaconesses work in the cities differ from those on the pioneer fields. A letter expressing appreciation of the services of a deaconess gives but a slight idea of a city worker's many duties: ''Since the deaconess came to us, she has been a source of great comfort in visiting the sick, the aged and shut-ins, also families who have been bereaved. She teaches a class in Sabbath School and is leader of a C.G.I.T. group. She assists in the programmes of all organizations and in our Senior Auxiliary is always ready to help. The Mission Band has been greatly benefited by her help. We hope and pray that her presence may mean that some day some of our Mission Band children will become trained workers in our Church.'' Such a tribute could be paid to any one of our faithful deaconesses.

Miss Helen Ross, in Saskatoon, found many avenues of service among the needy to whom many bundles of clothing were distributed. Owing to vacant pulpits, she at times acted in the dual capacity of deaconess and minister and has had the joy of seeing young girls among whom she worked accept Christ as their Saviour. Miss Lily Macarthur, of Regina, says: ''The days and weeks and months seem to be composed entirely of commonplace acts, not at all spectacular, but nevertheless fraught with great possibilities because of the contact with the people which they bring.'' The missionary endeavour in Eastview is bearing fruit. The Sunday School is advancing and the Canadian Girls in Training are becoming more and more a missionary group. Visiting of the Chinese families in the surrounding districts formed part of Miss Macarthur's programme during the year. In New Westminster, B.C., Miss Shirley Scott served in three congregations, St. Andrew's, St. Stephen's and St. Aidan's. A summary of her work can best be given in a paragraph from her report. ''The phases of this work in Westminster are many and varied. My time is spent largely with the organizations and in visiting the old people and shut-ins and in congregational visiting. Often the visiting gets crowded out because of the time given to helping in the preparation and planning of meetings.''

The story of our deaconesses in the Western cities has a parallel in the work being done by Miss Margaret Allan, who has given many years of faithful service in St. Enoch's and St. David's Churches in Hamilton. Miss Allan in visiting the people has been able to cheer and comfort many sad and lonely hearts; has made rough places plain and been the means of leading young women to a higher way of living.

Would that space permitted the recording of the many happy contacts made by our faithful workers, the results of which we leave with God! ''Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God giveth the increase.''

WELCOME AND WELFARE

NUMBER of Welcome and Welfare Secretaries, 535, an increase of 35; names received, 2,035, an increase of 661; visits made, 21,268, an increase of 845; letters written, 1,549, an increase of 125; removals, 372.

A note of optimism in the year's reports should encourage those women in our Church and Society who have striven so valiantly to advance the work all along the line. Auxiliary Secretaries have done fine work; where there is no Welcome and Welfare Secretary faithful members have called on newcomers. This work of welcoming, encouraging and cheering others, and assisting the needy was carried on by a great many Auxiliaries who sent no report, but a Welcome and Welfare Secretary in every branch is our aim; at present few Y.W. Auxiliaries have them. The Alberta Secretary says the work is often handicapped because places are so far apart; sometimes it is possible to reach strangers only through letters. Welcome and Welfare work, however, affects not only newcomers, but all those who need help and friendship. Many letters have expressed the thanks of shut-ins, sick and elderly people for visits, letters, fruit, flowers, birthday and Christmas cards.

Miss Iris Munro, port worker at Montreal, reports a slight increase in work there. During 1936, 3,445 immigrants arrived at Quebec, 500 more than in 1935; 1,559 names of Presbyterians were received from Halifax and Quebec, 33 more than the previous year; 94 boats and 50 trains were met. Last summer more European families came to Canada to buy farms, some of a fine type, Swiss, Hungarians, Jugo-Slavs, Poles, and Ukrainians. Much work lies before us in looking after our new neighbours, helping to train the children, and showing old and young what the Church can offer them rather than leaving them to organizations whose programme is contrary to all Christian ideals.

Miss Mary Murray in her visits to eight or more hospitals has many trying experiences, but ministers to all with whom she comes in contact. The sending on of 318 names to the Toronto Presbyterial Secretary led to much fine follow-up work by their Welcome and Welfare Department. Out-of-town patients in hospital whom Miss Murray reached through her appeal in the *Glad Tidings* expressed gratitude for her kindness. She has been greatly encouraged by the co-operation of Church organizations and members of our Society, in helping women and furnishing clothing and delicacies for patients. Miss Murray finds strength and refreshment, too, in contact with Auxiliary members, to whom she is invited to speak.

Mrs. Fesenko reports work progressing among the Ukrainians in Toronto in their new mission on Dundas Street. Miss Mabel Booth, our deaconess assisting Mr. and Mrs. Fesenko, addressed twenty-five meetings. During her holidays last summer she acted as a leader at the Senior Girls' Camp on Beausoleil Island. A member of Riverdale

Church, Toronto, sent one of Miss Booth's Sunday School girls to Glenmohr camp and the Riverdale Y.P.S. entertained fifty-four of the Ukrainian children at a Christmas party.

Mrs. Steinmetz who works among her own Hungarian people in Toronto says their great objective is a church of their own. Thus would their work be strengthened and co-ordinated, and many of their people held who are now drifting away. The present Church membership is 95; during the year twenty members were added. Women's organizations, Y.P.S., Sunday School and choir are being well maintained; the Y.P.S. had seven fellowship meetings with those of other congregations; the women held regular bi-monthly meetings, five of them of a special character. Mrs. Steinmetz made 445 visits and sick calls, and addressed 37 meetings in other churches. The congregation has $1,019.21 in the building fund, and a lot on McCaul Street.

These workers are all grateful to our Society for help and sympathy and for many gifts received through the Supply Department.

CHINESE IN CANADA

VICTORIA.—Miss Scott and Miss Lee report a very happy and encouraging year: progress has been noted in Christian living and our Mission has served and helped many. Thirteen graduated from kindergarten to public school. The Willing Helpers Mission Band met monthly and studied *Friends Around the World, Boys and Girls of India,* and the *Glad Tidings;* the last half hour was devoted to sewing and handwork. They contributed $6.00 to missions and sent toys and clothing to the Supply Department. The Shining Lights Girls' Guild met fortnightly, studied *Tales of Taiwan* and *Land and Life of China,* knitted and helped with the Christmas concert. They had two ''hikes'' and a supper at Miss Scott's home. In November, under their auspices, Miss Ellen Douglas gave an illustrated lecture, the girls conducting the worship service and serving tea. Supplies and $1.15 were sent to our Society. The Sunday School had seventy-nine pupils, of whom twenty-four were rewarded for regular attendance. Rebecca Yeung has completed sixteen years in the school and is now teaching. The W.M.S. Auxiliary meets monthly, with a speaker at each meeting, Miss Ellen Douglas addressing the members in November. Ten members form a visiting committee, which has helped greatly. They reached their allocation of $50.00 and sent in supplies as well. Two afternoons a week Miss Scott held classes for Chinese women learning English, and Miss Lee for those wishing to learn to read the Bible in Chinese. The women attending these classes are all W.M.S. members. Two evenings a week Rev. Mr. Leung and Miss Lee conducted a Chinese school where religious instruction was also given. Twelve pupils were given music lessons and monthly recitals held. The Y.P.S. studied

Our Church, by Dr. Kannawin, and raised money for cement side-walks. It is gratifying to see their interest in their Church and in missions.

Vancouver.—Miss Yeandle and Mrs. Louie report a good year. They are gratified at the interest the different Auxiliaries have shown in their work, especially by attending their meetings. We are grateful for the help of Miss Isabelle Bennett, who assists in bringing the children and acts as Secretary for the women's meetings. At the June closing Mrs. D. A. Fowlie presented certificates to the graduates, who wore cap and gown; each child was given a New Testament. At Christmas a pageant was put on. Rev. D. A. Smith presided at both functions and Rev. Mr. Yeung gave addresses. The Sunday School is a very bright spot, with a splendid band of teachers. The Mission Band won the Presbyterial banner for Scripture memorization, catechism and missionary knowledge, and contributed $3.20 to our Society. This Band and the Sunday School are missing Pansy Yeung, but all are thankful that she has been given an opportunity to further equip herself for her life's work. A Vacation school was held in July. The W.M.S. Auxiliary are showing an increasing interest, ~~one woman and her little daughter being baptized.~~ They increased their givings, but did not reach their allocation, which was double that of last year. Three hundred and sixty-four visits were made. Steamers were met and portions of Scripture given to people returning to China.

Saskatchewan.—Mrs. Farley reports that Miss Macarthur's survey has been most helpful. Literature, consisting of *Northern Messengers,* primary papers and Chinese cards, was sent out regularly, the primary papers being paid for by a Sunday School class in Sarnia. The average number of papers and cards mailed was sixty, as against fifty-six last year.

Toronto.—Miss Armstrong and Miss Yeung, assisted by Miss Lambert, report a very full year's work. The most encouraging part is our children's work. Miss Yeung gives music lessons to eleven. One little kindergartner said, ''I love God; He makes the day so warm and bright.'' An English mother reported that when her husband was very ill her two little boys, four and five years old, sang ''God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall'' to him in Chinese. God only knows the influence of that simple hymn. The Public Health nurse and doctor call regularly, and eleven children were vaccinated at the City Hall. We are very grateful to Mrs. Rochester, Mrs. Cameron, Miss Holt and Miss Blair for their assistance with the Mission Band whose forty-two members contributed $2.50 to the W.M.S. Miss Lambert had charge of the boys' work. In spite of the heat the Vacation school was a great success; Ruth and Ruby Ma were splendid assistants; and at the closing Mr. George Mark presented certificates to thirty-six children. Mrs. Ma and Miss Gunn are in charge of the Ladies' Bible Class. The Friday class has one open meeting a month, to which those interested are invited. From the proceeds of the annual bazaar $20.00 was given to the Women's Missionary Society. The women, as a group, attended the World Day of Prayer service at St. James Cathedral. Our Sunday School at Cooke's Church has seventy enrolled. The usual two Christmas concerts were held, with a supper at Cooke's Church. We wish to thank Mrs. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Roulston, Mr. J. Reid and Mr. Boal for transportation. Our Chinese school is well organized and well attended. Miss Jean MacMurchy is still leader of the C.G.I.T., and Mr. Haines and Mr. Morrison are in charge of the Scouts and Cubs. The Y.P.S. is very grateful for the use of St. Andrew's Church gymnasium. Seven of this group attended the Y.P.S. convention in Hamilton in October. The Alexandra Bible Class of Victoria Church donated a quilt and St. Andrew's Church layettes. We ask the prayers and sympathy of Canadian friends for this work at our door.

Brockville.—Miss Davies has, as always, done a valuable work in Brockville and the surrounding district, calling on our Chinese friends and distributing supplies, which, she impresses on them, are gifts from Christian friends. She visited Montreal, Ottawa, Carleton Place, Smith's Falls, Perth, Kingston, Gananoque, Westport, and Prescott.

Ottawa.—Miss Reid reports the return to China of Mr. Lee, their teacher-evangelist, whom they are missing very much. The women were visited regularly. In Aylmer, three boys, whose mother died three years ago, come to Sunday School and Mission Band. Another family in Hull attend the Cushman Church, attend Sunday School, Mission Band and C.G.I.T. and sing in the choir, and one of the girls was made a Junior member at the fall Mission Band rally.

Montreal.—The 43 women connected with our work in Montreal attend the bi-monthly meetings well, and are becoming very much interested in learning to read the Scriptures and in singing simple hymns. The homes have been visited as regularly as possible. The Mission Band had a successful year under the faithful leadership of Miss Gladys Aitken and her devoted helpers; they contributed $5.50 to our Society and took part in the March rally. We regret that there has been no work among the boys. A successful Vacation school was conducted by Mr. Solomon Leung and Miss Elsie Lee, assisted by two other Chinese, Miss Isabel and Mr. Wilson Lee, the latter in charge of the music. Seventeen children were given music lessons, and we do wish to thank Mrs. Trill for so unselfishly giving of her time to this work. Eleven children graduated into public school in June. Mrs. Herman and Miss Lee proved the same capable helpers as last year. The Young Women's Bible Class studied Revelations, by request, and continued to work with the Y.W.A. Supply Department of First Presbyterian Church, making supplies for Manchuria. Ottawa and Three Rivers were visited and Miss Dickson spoke at the Young People's rally in Hamilton.

SUPPLIES

THE activities of the Supply Department are determined by the requirements of the departments of National Missions and by the need for bales of clothing and bedding for distribution on the mission fields and Indian Reserves under the care of our Church.

Allocations.—Allocations were prepared and forwarded to Provincial Supply Secretaries to provide for these various requirements: hospital work at Canora, Sask., and Vegreville, Alberta; School Residences at Huntingdon, Quebec, New Liskeard, Ontario, Saskatoon, Sask., and Vegreville, Alberta; Indian Residential Schools at Kenora, Ontario, Birtle, Manitoba, and the Improved Day School at Mistawasis, Sask.; deaconess work in Canada at fourteen points; Chinese work at Montreal, Brockville, Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria; mission fields and Indian Reserves in Canada at seventy-five points. Addresses for these were received from Synodical missionaries.

Reports.—Reports received from our six Provincial Supply Secretaries indicate that members have given generously of their time, talents, and money that all our obligations might be filled.

Alberta gave supplies for the Vegreville School Residence and the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital; for deaconess work at five points; and bales for six mission fields in the Province. Value of supplies, $456.80.

British Columbia provided supplies for the Girls' and Boys' Residence and the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital at Vegreville; outfits for nine children at Birtle Indian School, and supplies suitable for Christmas gifts for the Chinese women and children in the various classes in Vancouver and Victoria. Several parcels of warm clothing were also provided for needy families. Value of supplies, $344.00, plus $43.15 for boots.

Manitoba was assigned some supplies for the Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital at Canora; outfits for fifteen children in Birtle Indian School and for three children in Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School; supplies for deaconess work, and miscellaneous bales for two mission fields and three Indian Reserves in the Province. Value of supplies $561.22, plus $70.05 for boots.

Ontario's allocation was large and varied, including supplies for the Hugh Waddell Hospital at Canora, and the New Liskeard and Vegreville School Residences; 130 outfits for Cecilia Jeffrey School, 91 outfits for Birtle School, 14 outfits for Mistawasis School; supplies for ten deaconesses for use at various points; Christmas gifts for Chinese work at Brockville and Toronto; miscellaneous bales for 58 mission fields and 5 Indian Reserves. Value of supplies $19,127.89, plus $956.87 for boots.

Quebec provided supplies needed by the Huntingdon Residence; a share of the supplies for the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville; sixteen outfits for Cecilia Jeffrey School; supplies for our port work at Montreal, and for deaconess work in the Peace River district; bales for three mission fields and one Indian Reserve. Value of supplies $1,286.47, plus $25.00 for boots.

Saskatchewan provided some supplies for Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, Canora; six outfits for children in Mistawasis School; and supplies for deaconess work in the Province. This Provincial buys all staple and new clothing through a central buying committee and finds this method satisfactory. Value of supplies, $152.70.

Total value of supplies is estimated at $21,929.08, plus $1,095.07 for boots for children in our Indian schools. Miscellaneous bales were sent to 75 mission fields and Indian Reserves: Quebec 1, Ontario 14, Manitoba 13, Saskatchewan 33, Alberta 12, British Columbia 2.

We again record our gratitude to the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways for their notable contribution of free transportation on bales of second-hand clothing sent to the mission fields of our Church.

Special Gifts.—The Daily Vacation Bible Schools of Toronto donated part of the children's handcraft, the articles being used as Christmas gifts for Sunday School children in the Peace River district. Several parcels of new clothing were given to the Supply Department by a women's Bible class. In each case we record our gratitude.

Freight on Indian School Supplies.—A cheque for $118.26 from the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa is gratefully acknowledged, the amount paid for freight on supplies for our Indian Schools.

Expenditures from the Supply Estimate.—Hospitals $112.57; Residences $132.28; Indian Schools $847.89; Deaconess Department $173.10; total $1,265.84.

This report represents the combined efforts of the 44,361 members in Mission Bands, Girls' Organizations, Home Helpers, Young Women's and Senior Auxiliaries to provide the supplies required, as well as the work of packing and shipping the supplies and the careful attention given to such details as *invoices, freight receipts* and *receipt slips.* The supplies prepared by the Girls' Organizations for the supply contest are worthy of note for the neatness of the work done, the usefulness of many of the articles and the many thrift ideas.

Supply Leaflet.—An important item of the Secretaries' work was the revision of the Supply Leaflet to bring it into line with the policy of the Council requiring that supply money in all branches be recorded in the treasurer's books. We bespeak a careful study of the directions given in it and the loyal co-operation of all Supply Secretaries in putting these into effect. Copies of the leaflet were forwarded to the Provincial Supply Secretaries for distribution to all branches by Presbyterial Supply Secretaries. Additional copies are available.

We again stress the importance of shipping bales only to the addresses received through the Supply Department. This will avoid a surplus at some points and a shortage at others. To cite one instance, supplies were sent without authority to a point already cared for by the allocation; we were thus put to the expense of transferring them to another place where there was a shortage.

LIBRARY

REVIEWING the work of the Library Department for the past year, we feel that it was one of the most successful years we have had. The opening up of new mission fields and stations extended the field served by this department, and the great need for good literature stimulated the Secretaries to greater effort to meet as far as possible the varied demands made upon them in the six provinces. When Secretaries report thousands of books and magazines sent out we know that an enthusiastic and helpful interest is being taken in our work.

The department assisted particularly mission stations and new and struggling groups. Bibles, Testaments, hymn books, Sunday School papers, lesson leaflets, and Christmas cards were sent,—some children had seen none of these before. Even small Sunday School libraries were provided for some new Sunday Schools. There was a greater demand in 1936 for Bibles and portions of the Scriptures, especially for the Psalms for responsive reading. Fifty copies of the latter were sent, on request, to one group.

Provincial camps were well provided for. We know that many lonely hours were brightened for the men by the many books and magazines they received, and we wish to thank those who were responsible for their distribution.

One part of the work which appeals strongly to most of our members has its origin in the lists of names sent us of settlers eager for books and magazines which they themselves are unable to purchase. It is a great pleasure to our helpers to send these to people in lonely and isolated places. One letter says: ''Picture if you will these people far away from church or school with very little, if any, reading matter and perhaps only a weekly mail service! What a joy in anticipation of the monthly magazine sent out by individual or organization!''

The Provincials have done excellent work in supplying the literature asked for; one Province reports a total of over 11,000 books, papers, or cards sent out. We have been much encouraged by the greater interest taken by the Young Women's Auxiliaries. They have given devoted service in the different branches of this department.

More than ever this last year we have been impressed by the genuine expressions of thanks and appreciation received. Some of these were published in the April *Glad Tidings.* One of our workers writes: ''Yours is a work which is filling a very large place in the Master's service and eternity alone will reveal just what it has meant to many hearts and homes.''

The establishment of libraries in the sparsely settled districts in the West has recently received the endorsement of Lady Tweedsmuir, as a branch of public service which has appealed specially to her. On her visit to the Northwest she found the need for reading material so great that she immediately set about providing libraries, planning, she stated, not to replace but to supplement the work of our Missionary Societies. Lady Tweedsmuir also enlisted the sympathy of Her Majesty Queen Mary, who is collecting and sending books to our Canadian Northwest.

That we may be able to answer the many requests for Bibles, hymn books, the *Presbyterian Record,* the *Glad Tidings,* and other books and magazines, we ask for enthusiastic helpers for the coming year. The knowledge that ''some one cares'' is a great incentive to lonely settlers, and they show their hearty appreciation of what is done for them.

Prayer for the Southern Prairies

God keep their fields,
The people are so poor, and old men die,
The women's faces have a beaten look
And little children cry.
O give Thy peace
Upon the land, new-ploughed and freshly sown,
O grant the rain and sun and gentle winds,
Upon the stricken zone.
The gardens, Lord,
The vegetables, the food they sorely need,
Protect them from the locust and the worm,
The smothering, choking weed.
Their hearts are sick,
Too long they've waged their bitter war in vain
Against the wind and drought, oh, grant them now
The healing of the rain.
O may their fields
Be clothed in green, their pastures cool and sweet.
May gentle skies bend over them, and peace
Reign there among the wheat.

—*Edna Jacques.*

New Church on Waywayseecappo Reserve

(Lizard Point Reserve)

PERHAPS you wonder why the name ''Waywayseecappo''. It was the name of the chief at the signing of the Treaty and means *The man proud to stand upright.* The name ''Lizard Point'' was given because of the enormous quantity of lizards seen years ago on a point of land. Waywayseecappo is the official name of the Reserve, and another reason why we use it is that so much of our mail went astray and finally went back to the sender. Now we very rarely use the name Lizard Point Reserve.

Church on Waywayseecappo (Lizard Point) Reserve

We began work here on the first of May, 1932. Both Mrs. Crump and our daughter are keen for the W.M.S.; at Rolling River Reserve, where we were over four and a half years, they organized a very successful Auxiliary, and when we left, the Indian women carried on the meetings until they had a resident missionary again. In August, 1932, Mrs. Crump invited Mrs. Shewan of Brandon to come and organize or address the first W.M.S. meeting ever held on this Reserve. The Indian women enjoyed the meetings so much that they said, ''Let us have a meeting at which we may work and raise money for our own Church right here.'' So the Ladies' Aid was started in 1933. They make shirts (men's) and allow themselves scarcely twenty-five cents for the making. Then they made dresses, aprons, etc.; the profit amounted to very little, but they did not mind that because they are all so very poor and, in helping the Church, they were also helping themselves. Previously they bought their own materials and made them up, but after the W.M.S. had widened their vision, they gladly gave their labour for the glory of God. So in the process of months and years they accumulated over $100.00, which they were saving to buy furniture for a new church; but as a new church was a long, long way off, they said they were willing to put their money into the making of a concrete basement and so get started. When this story was told at the Presbytery last September, the Presbytery (to a man) voted that ''Lizard

Point'' have their church and Mr. Floyd interviewed the Board of Missions. Result, *we have a church.* The Indians, though poor so far as money is concerned, worked enthusiastically at the building, being very careful not to waste so much as a small piece of wood or even a nail.

We heard the result of Mr. Floyd's trip on September 22nd when the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart of the Birtle Indian School came up to a surprise party on our 30th wedding anniversary. I just felt like singing the Doxology when I read the letter, and the next day I got busy. On September 30th the first sod was turned and on November 22nd we had our Thanksgiving service in our new church, and are our people proud of their church! The old building was pulled down and all lumber of any use was used in the new building. So well did our Indians work that not even for one Sunday did we have to postpone worship. We worshipped in the basement, right among the chips and shavings and dust, although we tried to tidy up somewhat. Right in the midst of it all, there was such a spirit of goodwill and ready obedience. Mrs. Crump and our daughter cooked dinners for 294 in all; of the number of lunches served we did not keep count. An Indian girl gave her help free. Now we are wanting pews, an organ, pulpit, linoleum and paint, etc., etc.

The official opening and dedication service is planned for June 22nd, and we hope that a very sympathetic company will be present, so that we may be able to get many of the things we surely need. As soon as the basement has a concrete floor the women will use it for their meetings, etc. It will be called the ''Ladies' Parlour'' and the women do so want to use it and not muss the church with their sewing, etc.

—*H. Crump,* Missionary.

Supplies Appreciated

Extracts from letters to the Supply Department.

Hospitals

YOUR bale of lovely supplies arrived safely. Many, many thanks for them. We have again had a busy year so all is much needed.

School Residences

I certainly appreciate the interest that the ladies of your Presbyterial take in the Residence and I wish you would convey my thanks to them.

Indian Residential Schools

Your lovely bale arrived to-day. With cold weather already here perhaps you can imagine how thankful we are to get the lovely woollen underwear. The dresses and overalls, too, are very welcome. Another thing that was very nice was the Christmas gifts. It is quite a task for Mrs. Santa to provide for 115 boys and girls, so that everything helps. Thanks for your contribution. It seems rather hard for me here to impress upon you ladies with mere words how really grateful we are to receive your bales, for we realize how hard it is for you to give so generously when times are so hard.

Deaconesses

Almost everything you sent went into Santa Claus parcels. I wish you could have heard the expressions of gratitude from mothers and housekeepers, as they told me how much the parcels had helped to make the Christmas season a happy time for them. Most of your gifts went to families not on relief, who are bravely trying to keep their independence. . . . What a fine lot of quilts you sent us, and how the mothers do appreciate them! Many hours of kindly service were spent in the making of them, and we are grateful. The knitted goods went into many homes, and will make many little ones more comfortable during our cold winter weather. They were all so nicely made and attractive in appearance. The gifts from the Mission Bands were a great help to Santa Claus when making ready the Christmas parcels. . . . The baby layettes and garments are so dainty and pretty.

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What a splendid lot of quilts you have sent! Bedding is one thing I am continually asked for and even though there has been a good crop, yet there are still cases of need. Some are on very poor homesteads and the good crop doesn't affect them very much. Others were so much in debt that it will be some time before they are caught up.

Mission Fields

The arrival of your goodly bales has created a glow in my heart that defies the cold March winds to extinguish, and by the time those warm coats and quilts are awarded the deserving needy many other hearts and bodies will be warmly affected. The goodly supply of infant clothing will be especially welcomed in quite a number of homes.

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What wonderful bales! What wonderful quilts! They are going out as quickly as possible to the needy ones, and how gladly they are received! Our years have been so long lean, everything has been worn threadbare, and there is little left even to make quilts, so we are exceedingly thankful, indeed. . . . How glad we shall be when times become again normal, but we shall never forget the kindly sympathy and help of the folks down East.

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I opened the bale on the holiday January 28th and made up the parcels, 12 in all. I gave the quilts, one each, to the four most deserving (one of the families had covers made of coarse sugar sacks to try and keep out the cold). . . . The babies' outfits were lovely and much appreciated by the mothers, also the soap and wash cloths and other articles. May God bless you all in your great endeavour!

Thank you so much for thinking of the children up here. Our Sunday School is small, and there is another, two miles from here. We are without a minister this winter, or student either, and with no Church services, or leader, it is difficult to organize any activities. However, we shall see that there is a Christmas treat of some kind and the gifts distributed.

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The bedding and towels are so much needed as it is impossible to replenish those from relief orders and with all the bad years they are now needed in most homes where there are families. Be assured our ladies will place all these things to the best advantage.

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I never did see such a lot of beautiful quilts in all my life (and it is a long one)! Such a variety of them, and all so good, and so well made, it just made me gasp. We can never thank those dear women for doing all that wonderful work, and I have no doubt it was a great sacrifice, too.

Indian Reserves

I have already fitted out some of our old people with the warm clothing they so badly needed, and how the women do enjoy choosing their winter coats out of the supply sent! Thanks, too, for the lovely quilts. They are always in great demand; in fact, I never seem to have had sufficient to go around these last two years. . . . I often wonder how Indians would get along without the quilts you so kindly make for them. I would like to mention especially the cloth quilts with the dark linings. They are the most acceptable and the most useful on account of the warmth and they do not soil so quickly. We never can have too many of this kind. Thanks, too, for the toys for our Christmas tree. They certainly will make some little Indian boys and girls happy. The only toys they get are what we give to them at Christmas. The old ladies do enjoy the scrap books. They are never tired of looking at pictures. . . . I do hope that you will remember in your prayers the work on this Reserve, for it does help us to know that the ladies of the W.M.S. are praying for us. Sometimes after a discouraging day or perhaps a week, when everything has seemed to go wrong and one's own prayers have seemed futile, an inward sense of peace and strength has been given which I feel sure comes from the knowledge that some one is praying for us and we are helped by your prayers.

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We wish to thank you for the supplies of clothing and literature and for the lovely Bible. The Indians saw the Bible on Sunday afternoon and were very pleased. . . . They have been taking quite an interest in all that has been going on since we started to build. Such a lot of good things and just what was so needful! Will you please especially thank the one who gave the Bible? It was so very generous and we trust that, as the message is read from its pages, many souls will be blessed.

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the Son of Thy love, Jesus Christ, through whom we have access to Thy throne of grace. We acknowledge before Thee our failures as individuals and as a Church. Forgive our mistakes and be gracious to us. We thank Thee for Thy continued care over us, and for the provision for our daily needs. May we be always mindful of Thy bounty.

We ask Thy blessing on all work undertaken by us in Thy name, and we would remember especially at this time our Home Helpers. Bless the homes they represent, and the young people in them. May the teaching and example of their homes be such as will equip the young for their tasks in life, whether in homes, in business or wherever they may be. May Thy word be their rule, Thy grace their strength, and Thy glory their aim. Be very near our missionaries; surround them with Thy protecting care.

God of the nations, hear our prayer for our Empire at this time. God bless the King. Guide our rulers in all their deliberations.

''Hear Thou the prayer Thy servants pray
Uprising from all lands to-day.
And o'er the vanquished powers of sin
Oh bring Thy great salvation in.''

Amen.

Light looked down and beheld Darkness.
''Thither will I go,'' said Light.
Peace looked down and beheld War;
''Thither will I go,'' said Peace.
Love looked down and beheld Hatred;
''Thither will I go,'' said Love.
So came Light and shone.
So came Peace and gave rest.
So came Love and brought Life.
And the Word was made Flesh and
dwelt among us.

—*Laurence Housman.*

What to Read

By Margaret Ness

ANNUAL meetings are now almost all over for another year. The wide-spread interest in the Literature Department both at the meetings and in the Auxiliaries themselves has been most gratifying. Your Secretary wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all the Literature Secretaries for their keen and sustained interest in the work and for their loyal co-operation.

Perhaps a general survey of the books stocked during the year would be of interest. If sales are an indication, Andrew Murray's "Secret" series has been most popular. From January 1937 to the end of April nearly 300 copies were sold—**Secret of the Abiding Presence, Secret of Intercession, Secret of Fellowship,** etc. (15c. each).

The Cameron books are always popular (**The Doctor, More About The Doctor, The Doctor Calls Again**); and the latest book, **Angus Our Precentor,** has been in great demand. (35c. each).

Rev. William Allan's three books, **The Quiet Place, Crowded Ways,** and the latest, **Musings,** have also had a good sale. ($1.00 each).

One of the Provincial Secretaries has repeatedly recommended **My Utmost For His Highest** ($1.25) by Oswald Chambers. Perhaps because of the interest thus created, two other Chambers books have been in demand—**His Place of Help** ($1.25) and **So Send I You** ($1.00).

Last fall two new books on modern missions were added to our list and have had a steady sale: **The Way of the Witnesses** (highly recommended by members of the Reading Circle) at 70c. and **Shaping the Future** at 75c.

Among devotional books **God's Message** and **God's Minute** (60c. each) have continued to be popular, while great interest has been shown in the two new additions to this group—**In Green Pastures** (75c.) and **A Book of Prayers for Use in an Indian College** (50c.). Do not be misled by the title of the latter.

All the Goforth books have been much in demand: **How I Know God Answers Prayer** ($1.25), **By My Spirit** (now obtainable in a 35c. edition), **Blind Chang** (25c.), **Miracle Lives of China** (35c.).

The continued steady sale of Redwood's older books, **God in the Slums** and **God in the Shadows** reveals the popularity of the writer; and the large sales of the new **God in the Everyday** indicate that it is as good. The newest book **Pines and Pit Props** has not yet been on the list long enough for us to know the public reaction. (35c. each).

In the May *Glad Tidings* two books recommended by the Reading Circle were mentioned: **The Untouchables' Quest** and **Finding Men For Christ** (35c. each).

A Basque Peasant Returning from Church

O little lark, you need not fly
To seek your Master in the sky;
He treads our native sod.
Why should you sing aloft apart?
Sing to the heaven of my heart;
In me, in me, in me is God.

O stranger passing in your car,
You pity me who come so far
On dusty feet, ill shod.
You cannot guess,
You cannot know
Upon what wings of joy I go
Who travel home with God.

From far-off lands they bring your fare,
Earth's choicest morsels are your share,
And prize of gun and rod;
At richer boards I take my seat,
Have dainties angels may not eat,
In me, in me, in me is God.

O little lark, sing loud and long
To Him who gave you flight and song,
And me a heart aflame.
He loveth them of low degree.
He hath magnified me
Holy, Holy, Holy is His name.

—Author unknown.

OUR LETTER BOX

An Interesting Camp Group

At camp, near Jobat, India.

AS we had our services to-day I thought what an interesting group it really was—ten Indians and two Canadians. We all sat on the ground this morning, but this afternoon Miss Errey and I used chairs. We haven't yet become Hindustani enough to sit cross-legged comfortably.

There was Jigiya, the Jobat padre. You have probably heard of him, and so I do not need to go into detail about him, except to say how very good he is to have around camp. The people like him, and so many know him. Dand of Kuksi is another padre who is with us for this season of camping. Mr. McDonald thought it would be good for him to get out with a group after being alone in Kuksi for so long. Dand thought he shouldn't come to camp because of a cold, but I have been giving him cough medicine and it seems to be effectual. Dand formerly came from Gujerat, a graduate in theology of a Methodist Episcopal seminary. Jigiya's training in theology was obtained through the summer classes held by Prof. Labhu Mal in Amkhut. A third theological graduate is Daniel, a fine boy who finished his course in Alirajpur a year ago.

John Foreman was the Howies' bearer. When they left John was taken on as an evangelistic worker, he seeming to have a desire to preach. He has had no special training, and isn't even well educated. In the several months he has been working with Jigiya he has shown an earnestness and a desire to learn which are promising. We know that God can use unlearned as well as learned preachers, so hope that John will one day be the means of bringing some of his Bhil brothers to Christ.

Knitting Class, Jobat, India

While the roof is being repaired on the Barwani bungalow Mr. Toombs is not needing all of his workers. Hence one of them, Bojha, has come up to join us for a few weeks. I think he is really desirous of being used in Christian service.

Dal Singh and his son, Mittu, are the other two men. The father became Christian over three years ago, as a result of being in Jobat hospital. All of his family but this one son eventually became Christian, and now live in Jobat. Mittu went off with some relatives, never being heard of till a couple of months ago. Why he has joined his father now I don't know, but we want to make the most of our opportunity and so we are using him at odd jobs around camp. Daniel is spending an hour each afternoon teaching him in order that he may imbibe some Christian teaching and possibly learn to read, as his father did.

The girls are Wali, Miriam and Priti. The first named is a graduate nurse, the wife of Daniel, and she took part of the course given to the boys in Alirajpur. Miriam is the wife of John Foreman, a very smart girl and seemingly an earnest Christian. When she was married two years ago she could not read or write, but is now able to do both. At first she went out with some other women when they visited in the homes. I taught her some lessons from the Bible now and again, but did not see what she could do until the beginning of the cold season. She surprised me very much by her story-telling ability and evident grasp of different things. I am very fond of Miriam, and hope she will continue to be of use in this work. They have one child, Barkat Masih (Blessing of Christ) who goes around with us, sometimes carried by one person and sometimes by another. He is a sweet youngster of six months. The other girl, Priti, is the eldest daughter of Nanyi, the evangelist at Borjhar. She took a course at Shakpur Bible School, partly in domestic work and partly in Bible women's work.

You can judge from this bit of description what a varied lot we are, and yet we have the same aim—to preach the Word, and the same desire—to see souls brought into the Kingdom.

—Bessie MacMurchy.

Brownvale, Alberta.

I SHOULD have given "The bush" for my address to-night, as indeed I am in it. My mail was delivered to me by wagon just a few moments ago (10.30 p.m.).

Our northern field is difficult and especially so in nursing; in fact, I am going day and night trying to cover as much as possible. But I do feel since I know the people and know a little of what they need spiritually and physically that my house will be a godsend . . . I feel I should be up here where a worker is needed . . . People will be able to come to me then, instead of waiting day after day wondering whether we will call on them or not. . . .

Since Sunday I have been in Figure Eight district, this being the first time I have had a chance to stay a few days in this particular district. Roads being nearly impassable, the only logical thing to do was to stay here, as I have two maternity cases on my hands. Sunday night after service in the school-house I was called to see a sick child and eventually got there and stayed all night—the only child, and the mother nearly frantic with worry and loss of sleep. However, as the child and mother were much better on Monday, I left and walked three and a half miles to visit another patient. Really one often thinks people can get sick from loneliness up here, which is quite true, as often I do not give medicine but visit with them, and they do feel so much better afterwards. Yesterday I found it especially so when I was called again farther north to a sick boy. The mother, an English lady used to an active life shut in so that it is quite impossible to get out very often, was just full of talk, and we became very good friends before the evening was over. I arrived back at the place I was staying at 11 p.m. And so it goes and it does give one great satisfaction to bring joy to these homes.

—*Helen Madill.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

WHAT SHALL WE ANSWER?

Forgive us our defective vision, Lord!
Quicken in us the sacramental fire
Of love to Thee and to our brother men
The world around . . . Now help us see
Beyond our programmes, our maps, our studies
And allocation problems, the simplicity
Of Christ's direct commission: ''Go tell!''

And last of all, our Father, we do pray
That Thou wilt help us search our hearts to see
If we are keeping fit to have a share
In world-wide Kingdom tasks, by walking close
To Him who said, ''Leave all and follow Me.''

LET us cease to think in terms of boundaries and frontiers and allocations, and go out in the path of obedience to answer the *need* of the world and the command of our Lord.

Let us face the coming year with confidence, with faith, and with a spirit of daring and venture, resolving to make 1937 the most triumphant year in the life of each group. If we are to accomplish this, there must be a working together, a praying together, consecration together, a giving together. We must make our offerings for world evangelism a definite acceptance of responsibility, a joyous stewardship. We must begin *now*.

Let us not be satisfied with anything less than the fulfilment of Paul's prayer for the saints and faithful brethren at Colosse: ''That we may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.''

Summary

Increases during 1936: groups—Manitoba, Ontario; members—Ontario, Saskatchewan; certificates — Ontario; new supplies — Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Saskatchewan; cash for supplies—British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan; *Glad Tidings*—Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan; givings—British Columbia, Ontario.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

R.R. 3, Red Deer, Alberta.

THIS is lovely country and in the fall and spring one can fully enjoy it, but the winter is another matter. At first I drove the car; then the snow came, but with Buck and Pat and the cutter and a nice warm quilt from the east put in under the heavy robe, one could face the winter weather quite cheerfully. This year the winter wasn't very long and when there wasn't snow I rode horseback. Having decided to learn to ride as the western folks do (boys and girls ride their horses as though they were a part of them), I began asking questions. I was told, ''Why, you just get on and sit''; ''Well, you use your toes a bit''; ''You use your knees''; and still another said something about shoulders. I decided I was using everything I had and still I didn't sit. However, before I got the car out again, I found if the horse would just take a nice steady trot I was almost able to sit steady instead of posting. Once spring came it was lovely coming home about sunset time and seeing the sun go down behind the snow-capped tips of the Rockies away off in the distance. And always came the verse, ''I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills'', or ''As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even forever''.

The work here covers six school districts and at each school we have a Mission Band, meeting twice a month; and also a meeting of some sort for the women. Almost every day had a meeting and there wasn't much time left for calling in the homes. I decided it would be much better if I could get leaders for these Mission Bands, and was just delighted when I found the older girls who had been Senior Mission Banders when Miss Matthews started the work quite willing to be leaders, if I would give them the material they needed, answer all their questions, and help them if and when they needed it. So now all six of our Mission Bands have girls of eighteen to twenty-one as leaders, and both the leaders and the youngsters are enjoying it.

Most of the people here have lovely big farms, but back in those hills which are around about us, are new families who have come up from the city or from the south, hoping to make a living. Sometimes a whole family, with five or six children, will be living in a one-room shack. The mother is always hopeful; next year they will be able to have more room and more land cleared. Now they are glad for a visit and for papers and pictures for the children. Some of these children walk four miles to school, all up and down hill. They don't ride, because they can't afford to feed the horses through a long winter.

Now that the older girls are doing the work for me, I am free to increase my territory and try to cover the whole Presbytery. I have had letters from young women saying they would like to organize a Girls' Guild or a C.G.I.T., but they don't know how to go about it or what to do. So I'm going to go out to these other towns and country districts and see just how I can help them. Have you ever looked at Rocky Mountain House on the map and wondered what sort of place it is? That will be my most western point; it is a little town with its main street running up a hill, surrounded by mountains, and also surrounded by people who are coming in from the dried-out southern areas. We have a church there and it is doing a good work, but there is still much to be done. Coming back from there, we stop at Sylvan Lake, where we have our girls' camp early in July. We have a church there, too, and I'm hoping after camp we may have a Vacation Bible School for the girls and boys. There are other places to the south and to the east. I am planning to cover the whole Presbytery before the end of June, and have everything lined up for work in September.

Why do we want to cover more territory? Why do we think this work is necessary? Because Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel". It is not just in order to increase our organizations, but it is so that our Church may do its part in presenting Christ, not only to the older people, but to the boys and girls, that they may come to know Him who came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly."

—*Hazel M. Macdonald.*

Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
And clowns who caper in sawdust rings,
And common folks like you and me
Are builders for eternity?
To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules,
And each must make, ere life has flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

—*R. L. Sharpe.*

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

MORNING MAGIC

ONE lovely June morning Betty wakened very early. She knew it was early for there was not a sound in the house, but outside the birds were singing gaily. She jumped out of bed and ran to the open window. Below her lay the garden sparkling with the morning dew. ''How lovely it is!'' she whispered; ''I think I shall go out.'' It took her only a moment or two to put on her clothes and quietly slip downstairs and out into the garden.

She ran quickly across the dewy grass to see her very own little flower bed. Betty had nasturtiums and pansies and forget-me-nots in her little garden, and although she liked them all, the pansies seemed to her like people because their flowers, she thought, looked like people's faces. As she stood there she became very still, and then she knelt down and put her ear to the pansies, for she heard them talking.

''Look at that white flower that has just opened,'' said one yellow pansy to another yellow one. ''Surely they don't call that a pansy!''

''I am sure I don't know,'' said the second yellow pansy. ''They do call some of these other flowers in the bed with us pansies. Of course, they are just like us except that their faces are such odd colours. Those dark ones that are almost black are, I think, very ugly. Those browny purple ones look muddy, and the dark red are so dull; but this white one is the worst I have seen; it has no colour at all!''

''The white one looks very ill, I think,'' remarked the other yellow pansy; ''it is so pale. It must be dreadful to know you look like that! Yellow is, of course, the nicest colour for a pansy; it is the colour of the sun and it is so bright and gay. Perhaps the others really are pansies, but, poor things, no one could like them. We, of course, are the favourites.''

''Oh, you horrid things,'' cried Betty, ''how can you talk so! That poor little white pansy will be dreadfully hurt; so will the others. You are all pansies; you all grow from the same kind of seeds; your plants are the same; your leaves are the same; only the colour of your faces is different. I like you all and I am glad that you are different colours.''

Betty stood up. Her feet were wet and she felt cold. She went into the house and crept upstairs, for everything was still very quiet. She took off her things and got into bed and in a minute was sound asleep. The next thing she heard was her mother calling her to get up. She ran to the window. The sun was high in the sky, the dew had disappeared, and the birds had stopped singing. She wondered if she had really been out in the garden in the early morning. Her clothes were as she had left them the night before. She felt her shoes; they were dry. ''Perhaps it was only a dream'', she thought. She dressed very slowly, for she remembered that on the way home from school the day before she had been with a group of girls who had laughed at a little girl from a faraway land because her face was not the same colour as theirs.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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Provincial Annual Meeting

APRIL 6-8 were indeed red-letter days for the Society in Alberta when the twenty-third annual Provincial meeting was held in First Church, Edmonton. Mrs. R. S. Gibson, Calgary, presided. An unusually large attendance of delegates from all parts of the Province, the presence of Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Mrs. J. D. Holman, of Toronto, and of five deaconesses, Miss M. Grigor, Wanham, Miss Hazel Macdonald, Red Deer, Miss M. Todd and Miss Helen Madill, Brownvale, and Miss Frieda Matthews, from the south, with two other active workers, Mrs. C. E. Fisher, Grande Prairie, and Miss Ruby Walker, Lloydminster, all made for an inspiring convention. Enthusiastic reports were given by the deaconesses showing that progress had been made in every instance.

The stirring addresses of Mrs. McLennan and Mrs. Holman and their timely advice and helpful suggestions were far-reaching in increasing interest in the work. Besides a clear résumé of the work at home, Mrs. McLennan gave a comprehensive report of the work overseas. Speaking to the young people, Mrs. Holman urged all to try to take advantage of the Fellowship course given by Miss Pelton and to carry on the mission work begun by those who have gone before. Saskatchewan Provincial sent greetings, Rev. A. Walker of Lloydminster, Moderator, conveyed those of the Synod and a letter of farewell and best wishes was read from Mrs. F. W. Allott, Victoria, who served so faithfully as President for eight years. Mrs. H. Sykes, Edmonton, is the new President.

Reports were all encouraging. The Treasurer reported $4,043.02 sent to the general fund, and $38.94 to the Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries. The value of the Home Helpers department can scarcely be estimated; besides contributing $536.16 to the general fund, the 317 members gave freely of their time for supply work as well as providing Christmas cheer for the less fortunate. Literature sales amounted to

$265.25; the withdrawal of calendars from this department affected the sales somewhat. The Life Membership Secretary reported one Honorary Membership certificate, sixteen Life Memberships, ten Junior certificates and three seals. There was an increase in Mission Bands and membership, mostly due to the work of the deaconesses in the north. The offerings and supplies from the boys and girls were a little less than last year, but the interest did not slacken, as evinced by the number of Christmas gifts sent out. Splendid work was done by the Young Women and Girls' Organizations, all groups being well established, carrying on missionary study and supply work, besides doing much welfare work in their local churches. The Student Secretary reported contact made with many college and university students as well as nurses in training. The Library Department did good work in remembering families in lonely, outlying districts with magazines, books, Bibles, and papers; good reading matter was also sent to a dried-out area in Saskatchewan. Twenty-seven sets of lantern slides sent out were used thirty-five times, mostly in new places, thus promoting the work in new districts. Welcome and Welfare Secretaries were not idle in looking after the strangers within our gates and visitors, as 335 calls made and 26 letters written showed. The Exchange Department received some interesting papers and sent out several, on request, to Auxiliaries and groups. The Supplies are always important and appeal to the enthusiasm of our women; all allocations were met and, in addition, good clothing and gifts sent to deaconesses and to the northern mission fields.

And so we closed our books with a prayer of thanksgiving for the work accomplished, the progress made, and the workers given us.

Macleod P.S.—The different Auxiliaries were well represented at the sixth annual meeting of Macleod Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Lethbridge, on March 12th. Mrs. J. H. Harback presided. The Secretaries' reports were encouraging and optimistic. Miss Frieda Matthews, deaconess in the south, gave a fine report of her work in the Shaughnessy district and asked for prayerful assistance in her work. Rev. J. N. Hepburn, of St. Andrew's, installed the officers, Mrs. M. S. Blackburn of Medicine Hat being the new President.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Provincial Annual Meeting

OPENING the twenty-third annual meeting of the British Columbia Provincial Society, Mrs. R. M. Thomson introduced Mrs. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and Mrs. Holman, Young Women's Secretary. Mrs. Thomson spoke of the work so efficiently done by the members of the Council Executive with details carefully planned and money carefully and wisely spent. This makes large demands on their time and strength. Indeed, Mrs. McLennan and Mrs. Holman gave generously of both time and strength while in Vancouver.

All reports showed that much thought and painstaking effort had gone into the work of the departments. The Mission Band Secretary recommended that each Auxiliary appoint a key-woman to be a link between it and the Mission Band. The Home Helpers Secretary reported an increase in members and givings. Reports showed the chief difference in the Chinese work in Victoria and Vancouver was that in Victoria the children are largely of Christian parents, while such is not the case in Vancouver. Miss Scott, deaconess, told of her work among the girls of Westminster Presbyterial. The supply contest had been a great incentive to them to work with the W.M.S. The Vacation Bible School was well attended, and Miss Ellen Douglas' visit had been a wonderful help. The Treasurer, Mrs. MacInnes, showed reason for encouragement: while the allocation had not been met, three Presbyterials were up in their givings. She urged members not to get used to not meeting their allocation.

Mrs. McLennan in her afternoon address showed how the Women's Missionary Society translates into action the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, hospitals, schools, etc. being the visible result. She told of the splendid way our Society's funds are administered so that all during the depression years not a cent of debt was incurred. She explained the Special Retiring Fund and urged Auxiliaries to send their givings regularly that the Council Executive may know what they have to depend on. Systematic giving is the secret of meeting the budget. Above all, missionary women must be consecrated workers. Mrs. Holman's address on Young Women's work was intensely interesting. This new department has been most successful. A course of lectures on leadership followed by discussion resulted in the formation of the Leaders' Fellowship. Members of groups now meeting one another in the Fellowship are getting a different vision of the work as a great task and opportunity.

Two young women conducted the opening devotions in the evening, Miss Negoro, a young Chinese member of the Vancouver Fellowship, and Miss Frances White, of Victoria. The report of Girls' Organizations showed growth and continued interest. With its increase in members and givings the Young Women's Department had great reason for encouragement; varied studies have done much to broaden interest at home and abroad. Mrs. McLennan in an address to the young women likened them to a company in which each is a shareholder. As in any such company the dividends are in proportion to the investment. Mrs. Holman's address showed the young women what was due to the vision of the pioneer W.M.S. women. The women of yesterday prayed for open doors. To-day the doors are open. Are we going to enter?

The discussion of reports or difficulties and questions on the work proved most profitable with the help Mrs. McLennan and Mrs. Holman could give.

Mrs. Holman read the closing message prepared by Mrs. Strachan from the text, ''We see not yet all things put under Him, but we see Jesus.'' We must first see Jesus ourselves as a personal Saviour, a great Physician, a Friend of the outcast, the Comforter in the house of mourning, the welcome Guest at the wedding, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. If we see Him thus we shall not overlook the various possibilities in our work.

The election of officers resulted in few changes. Mrs. R. M. Thomson remains President. Mrs. MacInnes, who has so ably filled the office of Treasurer, is now first Vice-President; Mrs. Eben Harvie, Treasurer; Mrs. Geo. McKee, Y.W. Secretary; Miss Frances White, Girls' Organizations Secretary; Mrs. M. D. McPhie, Exchange Secretary; Mrs. Jas. Harley, Lantern Slides Secretary. Mrs. McLennan installed the officers.

Kootenay P.S.—Creston Auxiliary and other W.M.S. members and friends in Kootenay Presbytery were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. James of Lucknow, Ontario. Mrs. James organized the Creston Auxiliary and was its first President. She maintained her interest in it till her death and always sent greetings to the Presbyterial meeting.

ONTARIO

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Urgently needed — more subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings!*
Two new subscriptions from each Auxiliary will save the day.

Provincial Annual Meeting

THE twenty-third annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society was held in New St. James Church, London, April 20th to 22nd, with 412 delegates and many other members present. A warm welcome was extended by Mrs. J. M. Dickson, President of London Presbyterial, with a special greeting to delegates from the north who so often add Home Mission work to their labours. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich brought gracious greetings from the Council Executive, and Rev. Donald Cameron conveyed greetings from Synod. Rev. James MacKay, D.D., of New St. James, also welcomed the Provincial Society to the church and city.

The President, Mrs. J. A. Hilts, who presided at all sessions, in her address pointed to the ''Signs of the Times'', adapting our highway signs to warnings and needs in mission work. The service of devotion with which each session began had as its keynote, ''confidence and victory'', while the short reports of each Presbyterial carried the same note. Departmental reports gave an encouraging story of the Junior organizations, showing 22 new Mission Bands, 45 new Girls' Organizations, and 14 new Young Women's Auxiliaries, with membership and givings increased. The reports of Home Helpers, Welcome and Welfare work, and Students showed the great influence of these widening ripples of endeavour and the opportunity for expansion. Dialogue and discussion between Mission Band and Girls' Organization Secretaries one afternoon and between Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer another brought out problems and enlightening facts. The financial report showed that ten Presbyterials had reached their allocations and ten others had increased their givings, the total amount remitted being $113,650.00. The 1937 allocation of $118,750.00 was accepted prayerfully and confidently.

On young people's evening, Miss Ellen Douglas gave a vivid account of the variety, religious and racial, to be found in India. Describing her work among the Bhils, she pictured the change in heart and life after they had accepted the Gospel truths. Work in the Peace River district was presented by Rev. E. A. Wright. Through all the difficulties of pioneering, the ministration of the Gospel was eagerly sought by the settlers, and the work has developed encouragingly. Another interesting event was the introduction by Mrs. T. E. Langford of Miss Helena Gibbs, of Paris Presbyterial, under appointment to Manchuria, who spoke briefly of her joy in this opportunity for service.

Mrs. A. R. McMurrich conducted the election of officers. Mrs. J. A. Hilts was re-elected President. New officers are: Mrs. J. G. Inkster, first Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. McCullough, second Vice-President, Mrs. Victor A. Smith, Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Fletcher, Exchange Secretary, Mrs. L. B. Beath, Girls' Organizations Secretary, and Miss E. MacBeth Press Secretary. The office of Finance Secretary was merged with that of Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, O.B.E., accepting the combined office. New executive members without portfolio are: Mrs. T. Firth, North Bay; Mrs. M. W. Heslip, Penetanguishene; Mrs. W. J. A. Lake, Mrs. D. A. Mowat and Mrs. J. B. McLean, Toronto. Deep regret was expressed at the loss of valued officers who are retiring.

The Provincial Society is invited to meet in Galt next year.

The Golden Jubilee of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Dalhousie Station, Glengarry P.S., was observed with Mrs. J. H. Dewar presiding. At the organization in Dalhousie Mills Church in 1887, the President was Mrs. Donald McIntosh; Treasurer, Miss Christie Morrison; Secretary, Miss Sarah J. Stackhouse (Mrs. John McKinnon, Sydney, N.S.). Mrs. McKinnon and former Presidents, or members of their families, sent greetings; and a letter was read from Mrs. R. D. McIntosh, District Vice-President. The President's message was followed by an In Memoriam service. Mrs. George A. Perry gave the history of the

Auxiliary. At the tea hour several members took part in the candle-lighting ceremony. At the home of Mrs. Donald Hugh McIntosh members and friends celebrated the fourteenth anniversary of Skye Auxiliary, organized in 1923 at the home of Mrs. Kenneth McQueen with fifteen charter members. In the 14 years twenty Life Memberships were presented and givings amounted to $2,530.00. Seven members called to rest were remembered. Charter members lit the candles on the birthday cake, the oldest member, Mrs. Alex McIntosh, cutting it.

At Stratford P.S. spring executive meeting, givings were reported in advance of the same period last year. Mission Band membership had increased. The President, Miss J. M. Grigor, urged the use of the mite-boxes for the Retiring Fund for Missionaries.

Some 200 attended the annual Presbyterial Mission Band rally on Easter Monday in St. John's Church, Hamilton. Talks were given by Mrs. W. I. McLean, Mrs. Donald Wilson, and the President, Miss B. Armstrong. At the close each child was given an Easter token.

Special Easter meetings were observed in Chatham P.S. Home Helpers were guests at Amherstburg, Mrs. Hans Ingold, of Windsor, giving an inspirational Easter message on, ''Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here; He is risen.'' At an evening meeting of all organizations in Knox Church, Windsor, lantern slides on our work in China were enjoyed, Mrs. Earl Fox giving the lecture. Mrs. Banslaugh, at St. Andrew's, Windsor, basing her remarks on Christ's words to Mary, ''Go tell others'', stressed the fact that He had special work for women to do. At Knox, Leamington, Mrs. S. M. Ferguson gave the address, and Mrs. Clunas gave an organ interpretation of incidents in Christ's life, the Scripture passages preceding the music.

Mrs. W. Coutts, of Stayner, spoke at the Easter meeting of Collingwood Auxiliary, Barrie P.S. The splendid special Jubilee offering will be used for an In Memoriam to be presented to Mrs. J. R. Arthur, in memory of her mother, Mrs. H. Robertson, the first President of Barrie Presbyterial. On its forty-third birthday Rev. M. W. Heslip spoke to Penetanguishene Auxiliary on Dr. and Mrs. Goforth's work. Mrs. Heslip presented Mrs. Gilchrist, one of the oldest members, with a Life Membership. A generous offering from the birthday bags will be used for the expense fund. A cake with 43 candles was enjoyed at tea.

At Lanark and Renfrew P.S. annual meeting in Arnprior, Mrs. H. Cochrane presided and Mrs. Thos. McAfee welcomed the delegates. Much knowledge was derived from a discussion of our mission fields. Mrs. J. M. Poole, Toronto, gave an interesting address on her recent visit to South Africa, telling of mission work there and of the Day of Prayer service in Johannesburg, when four or five hundred coloured people spent the whole day in prayer. Miss Agnes Lowry, of Almonte, read an interesting paper by Miss MacLean, Kobe, Japan. Mrs. J. S. Riddell, Brockville, gave an address on ''The Living Lord'', carrying her audience to a high plane and holding them throughout the discourse. Rev. T. S. Hunter, of Glasgow Station, gave an illustrated lecture on the Peace River. A play, *The Jesus Way,* was well presented by the C.G.I.T.

Smith's Falls Mission Band gave a ''Bunny Tea'' on Easter Monday. Tables were decorated with small bunnies made by the little tots; large bunnies on the floor directed the way to the tea tables; the boys wore bunny caps, while the girls serving wore gaily coloured paper aprons and caps; bunny and rabbit cookies were served.

In Simcoe, Paris P.S., the Mission Band members collect coupons from Quaker Oat packages and use the premiums for their bale.

For the fifty-second meeting of Brockville P.S. over 100 delegates met in Morrisburg. In the President's absence Mrs. James Riddell presided. At afternoon and evening meetings Miss Ellen Douglas delighted the audience with her story of the work in India. Greetings from sister Societies were received. All reports were encouraging. The allocation was exceeded by $200.00. Mrs. H. Hodge, Cardinal, conducted a memorial service for departed members. Rev. N. MacLeod, D.D. and Rev. A. O. Thompson conducted the election and installed the officers. The Winchester Auxiliary presented the pageant, ''We Just Didn't Know''.

Now, dear reader, we must say adieu,
We can no longer write the NEWS for you.
For our successor we beseech
The same kind interest we received from each.

MANITOBA

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BRANDON P.S.—At their Easter Thank-offering meeting members of Elizabeth Abey Mission Band of First Church, Brandon, took part in the service, and Mrs. J. A. Gray gave an interesting talk on mission work. Miss Peggy Inkster, of Revelstoke, B.C., spoke on Mission Band work.

At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Brandon, Miss Bessie Turnbull gave a very interesting account of her work in India. Rev. W. J. Allen conducted the devotions, and Mrs. E. C. Tatton brought greetings from First Church.

Winnipeg P.S.—Many Thank-offering meetings were held in April. To the Stonewall Auxiliary Mrs. H. A. Robson, of Winnipeg, gave a splendid address on the Peace River district—its history and development. Mrs. Nisbett took the Bible study and the Mission Band contributed an Easter chorus. At the meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Selkirk, the Mission Band led in the devotional period, and contributed two readings, two choruses, and a solo. Mrs. Gemmel outlined the work at our Presbyterian Residences, and read messages from their Superintendents. For the Norwood Auxiliary, too, the Mission Band took the first part of the programme. Addresses were given by Rev. N. G. Smith, Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody, and Mrs. A. Evans. Old Kildonan Auxiliary met at the manse; Mrs. George Reynolds, Provincial Press Secretary, was the speaker, her theme being, ''How we should guide our lives by the Divine Plan.'' Favourable quarterly reports were presented. Rev. W. Gordon Maclean led in the devotions at the First Church Auxiliary meeting, and Rev. N. G. Smith, Norwood, gave an illustrated address on our work among the Koreans in Japan. The many interesting pictures gave a clearer understanding of the work in which our faithful missionaries are engaged. At the meeting of Calvin Auxiliary, Winnipeg, Rev. David Johnstone presided. Scripture and prayer were taken by members of neighbouring churches, and Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody spoke on ''Mary the Mother of Jesus''.

Superior P.S.—Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, spent the week April 8-16 in the Twin Cities, holding conferences with the executives of the different branches of the W.M.S. A new impulse has been given the work.

A new Auxiliary has been organized in Kenora, with Mrs. E. W. Byers as President.

Keen enthusiasm marked the twenty-third annual meeting of Superior Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, 36 delegates being present. Splendid reports were given of all departments. In her address, the President, Miss Smellie, interpreted W.M.S. as ''We Must Serve; With My Self.'' Mrs. LeCocq gave the dedicatory prayer. Miss Bertha Hodge, for twenty-three years in North Honan, China, was the afternoon speaker. Graphically she told of the great appeal the story of Christ has for the Chinese and of the dynamic changes wrought by the regenerating power of Christ in that country. China's difficulties, and all peace problems, may be solved by having Christ in the heart, she concluded. ''The Challenge of To-day'' was the subject of Miss Lamont's interesting address at the evening service. The northern part of our prairie provinces where people from the southern dried-out areas have had to seek new homes offers a challenge to our youth. We look to them to catch the vision of the work to be done and to the older people to supply the means. Mrs. Gibb's address of welcome at the supper was responded to by Mrs. E. R. Parliament. A missionary play was presented by St. Andrew's C.G.I.T., directed by Miss Betty McNab and Miss Margaret Cruikshanks. The Sunbeam Mission Band of St. Andrew's received both banners, one for attendance and one for givings. Mrs. Ballantyne, in her closing message, stating that all present had received much inspiration to take back to their organizations, made an earnest plea for consecration to the work of the Church. The meeting was closed with prayer by Miss Lamont.

QUEBEC

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Provincial Annual Meeting

THE eighteenth annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, on April 20th. Miss C. E. Cameron presided at all three sessions. There was a goodly representation from both Presbyterials. Montreal Presbyterial led in the morning devotional period and Quebec Presbyterial in the afternoon. Mrs. J. R. Graham extended a warm welcome on behalf of the local Auxiliary, while Synodical greetings were received from Dr. A. M. Gordon, Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

Reports of district Vice-Presidents and department Secretaries were most encouraging and optimistic. The Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Smardon, reported total receipts for the year of $15,494.35, an increase over last year's. The Home Helpers report showed 919 members; Young Women's Auxiliaries and associate groups, 389 members; Girls' Organizations showed a decrease in numbers, which, it was felt, was largely due to the multiplicity of girls' organizations; Mission Bands number 34, with 871 members. The Supply Department reported the usual active year, bales having been sent to Huntingdon, to the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, to Wanham, Alberta, Broadview, Kindersley, and Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, and for Chinese work in Montreal, and for western relief, not on allocation. The Library Department's interesting report showed much good work accomplished.

In a most thought-provoking and stirring message on girls' work, Mrs. John Kelman recalled the pioneer efforts of those who founded the W.M.S. and made a plea for more consecrated leaders among young people and teen-age girls. The local group gave a splendid demonstration of Mission Band work, and Miss Mary Anderson, on furlough from Kobe, Japan, with the aid of native costumes and articles used in the homes, delighted the children with tales of the customs and habits of the Japanese and Korean people.

At the tea hour, when the delegates were guests of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, reports were read from Miss I. Munro on Welcome and Welfare work; Miss A. Dickson on Chinese work; Miss M. Murray on Tyndale House; Mrs. A. C. Gouldthorpe on Huntingdon Residence, and from Mrs. D. M. Rowat on the Huntingdon Leaders' Conference.

In the evening Miss Mary Anderson gave in an unforgettable way a vivid picture of Korean work in Japan, stating that the effect of the Gospel of Christ was at once shown in changed living conditions among the people. Dr. A. S. Reid, Synodical missionary, gave an analysis of the problems facing the Church at present, emphasizing the need of furthering Christianity at this time when there is a feeling of insecurity and instability throughout the world. He also told of the marvellous work being carried on in Montreal among the French Canadians.

It was with sincere regret that the resignation of Miss C. E. Cameron, President for the past four years, was accepted. Changes in officers are: Hon. President, Mrs. J. G. Potter; President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Miss C. E. Cameron; Secretaries—Recording, Miss M. A. Stewart, 2302 Souvenir Ave., Montreal; Mission Band, Mrs. W. J. Muir, 4710 Western Ave., Westmount; Home Helpers, Mrs. C. W. Stackhouse, 45 Staynor Ave., Westmount; Literature, Mrs. W. H. Harris, 10 Oldfield Ave., Montreal; Life Membership, Mrs. Wm. Kydd, 5221 Northmount Ave., Montreal; Press, Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell, 251 Outremont Ave., Outremont.

Montreal P.S.—''It has been a wonderful privilege''. Such was the testimony of Miss Ellen Douglas, on her first furlough from Jobat, India, after acting as supervisor of primary schools in a section of the Bhil field, in concluding a very informative and interesting illustrated address before a large audience at the April executive meeting of Montreal Presbyterial in Knox Crescent Church. Continued and encouraging progress in religious and educational development was surveyed by Miss Douglas, and she referred with satisfaction to the fact that Jobat Church was now self-sustaining. A number of new schools have recently been established and more will receive pupils as teaching staffs are trained. Views of schools, the church and a new hospital; of native children and teachers (expertly coloured by an associate of Miss Douglas'), and of the countryside were shown. ''India is a very religious country,'' Miss Douglas observed. The Bhils are an aboriginal people and retain many characteristics of their forefathers. They are splendid types, honourable, loyal, kind and hospitable. Many of them are being trained as teachers and ministers, and already a number have become ordained ministers.

Mrs. W. E. Baker presided while reports were given all of which disclosed increased activity. There is a concerted drive under way for subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings.* The Treasurer announced that $1,700.00 was forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer during the past three months. The Supply Secretary gave details of shipments to Manitoba where the need is still great.

Miss Margaret MacDiarmid, President of the Young Women's Leaders' Fellowship, took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Florence Jamieson, of Kensington Y.W.A., and an outline of the activities of the Leaders' Fellowship was given by Miss Greta Grant, of Campbell Memorial.

SASKATCHEWAN

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Provincial Annual Meeting

THE President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and the Young Women's Secretary met with the Saskatchewan Provincial Board on March 30th to consider plans for the advancement of the work and questions submitted by the Presbyterials. The Board is indebted to Mrs. McLennan and Mrs. Holman for their generous interest and assistance in all matters under review. The next morning at a conference of Presbyterial and Provincial executives under the capable, sympathetic leadership of Miss P. B. Lamont who with her intimate and thorough knowledge of conditions throughout the Province did much to guide the discussion along helpful, constructive lines, some vital problems were freely discussed: the need and method of strengthening existing organizations—(Do group meetings help to this end?); of organizing the women of our student mission fields; of making contact with Presbyterian families where no Presbyterian Church exists. At luncheon Saskatoon Auxiliaries entertained the delegates.

The opening session of the twenty-third annual meeting saw a record attendance, the large representation being due to the institution of the travel fund and the pooling of the railway expenses of delegates. Mrs. H. R. Horne presided in her own inimitable way at all sessions. The central theme of the meeting, ''Forward in His Name'', was developed in the devotional periods preceding each session: Forward to fuller Christian living; Forward to the fulfilment of the great Commission; Forward to the realization of the first Christmas message.

Reports which were followed by discussion led by the Secretaries were in the main encouraging. One fact calling for serious consideration is that comparatively few women and children of our congregations have so far identified themselves with any missionary activity. Probably one reason for this is that the members do not interpret missions as the vital factor in solving perplexing world problems. It rests with them by their attitude either to repel or attract uninterested women to this greatest of all services. In this connection a thought from our Council President comes to mind—''Can it be that I hesitate to help a cause so great? It was worth a cross to Him.'' One Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary had so stimulated missionary interest in a group of women that they have already undertaken to pray for missions, to study them through the medium of *Glad Tidings,* and to support them through mite-box contributions. Very satisfactory work had been done by the Supply Department through the central buying committee. Before long, it was hoped, the Society as a whole would adopt this plan and effect a saving of money which could be used more advantageously in promotion work of our Society. The Treasurer reported a slight increase in givings, a generous response to the

Retiring Fund for Missionaries, and urged members in all giving to plan carefully and systematically, not leaving their contributions to chance or ''what happens to be left'' in their purses on the meeting day. Speaking of the Young Women's work, Mrs. Holman gave interesting examples of what had been accomplished by groups of young women and presented the challenge this work holds for them. She urged that Presbyterials arrange the time of meetings so that they may avail themselves of the benefit of young women on their executives. Mrs. McLennan called attention to the literature available, which is helpful in the various departments as well as in the preparation of programmes.

At the public meeting on Wednesday evening, Mrs. McLennan gave an address on our overseas work, saying, ''Do not be afraid of change; a new day is dawning for missions, and the Women's Missionary Society must be alert to meet it.'' Mrs. Holman spoke of the part the Society must take in building out of various national groups a Christian Canada.

Following the election of officers, Mrs. McLennan led in an impressive installation service and gave an earnest message to the officers and members. As a fitting climax to a most helpful and inspiring meeting, Mrs. Brell of Pambrun, by special request, gave briefly her philosophy of prayer.

It was a matter of regret to all that Mrs. Horne, our beloved President, who has so carefully and ably guided the Society through these difficult past years, felt it necessary to resign. As a mark of their appreciation of all that her leadership has meant to them, she was presented with a handsome purse. In thanking them Mrs. Horne referred to the generous sympathetic support she had received from the members.

Saskatoon P.S.—At the annual meeting of Saskatoon Presbyterial in Parkview Church, Saskatoon, on March 30th, Mrs. B. Edwards presided. All Auxiliaries were represented and reports from all departments were encouraging. An outstanding report was given by the Home Helpers Secretary. A group of Home Helpers at Traynor were meeting monthly for the study of missions. Mrs. W. G. Brown told of what had been done for the three hundred Presbyterian students in Saskatoon. There had been a marked increase in interest and the young people had shown real gratitude for the many social gatherings arranged for them. Reports were followed by interesting discussions on how the work could be more effectively carried on. The delegates and officers were especially pleased to welcome the opinions in these discussions of their honoured guests, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Council President, Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, and Mrs. H. R. Horne, Provincial President. Mrs. McLennan conducted the installation service.

Rev. R. Rowat, Parkview, at the Easter Thank-offering of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, issued a challenge to the members not to forget the motto and aim of our Society, ''The World for Christ''.

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Supplies	7.40
Candidates	24.00
Special Retiring Allowances for Missionaries	146.66
Education of Chinese Candidates	30.00
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Welcome and Welfare and Deaconesses	1,363.15
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Alberta Provincial, Gold Mite Boxes	31.00
Interest on Bonds	382.50
Special Fund	
Collections on South Porcupine Accounts	49.20
Sustaining Fund	
Interest on Bonds	67.50
Legacy Fund	
Interest on Bonds	56.25
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Editorial

Mrs. McLennan and Mrs. Holman in the West

IN their recent visit to the Western Provinces Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and Mrs. J. D. Holman, Young Women's Secretary, attended and addressed four Provincial annual meetings, five Presbyterial annual meetings, four Presbyterial gatherings, eight Auxiliary meetings, three Y.W.A. Fellowships, two Young People's Societies, and two Sabbath Schools. They visited the following institutions: the School Residences in Saskatoon and Vegreville; the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital in Vegreville; the Indian Residential Schools in Birtle and Kenora; and the Chinese Missions in Vancouver and Victoria. They also visited the fields in which three deaconesses are working, Miss Macdonald's at Red Deer, Miss Booth's in Saskatoon, and Miss Scott's in New Westminster.

An interesting experience was their drive to Lizard Point Reserve in Manitoba, where Rev. Mr. Crump is the missionary of our Church. A visit to Mrs. Mackenzie's former field at Gonor and Miss Jenkinson's (Mrs. Hildred) at East Selkirk was also much enjoyed. These two fields are now in charge of Mr. Troyer.

It was very helpful to the two delegates to have been present at the Provincial annual meetings, to meet our workers, the officers of the various Boards, and the members of the Society.

At the Council Executive Meeting

A WELCOME visitor at the Council Executive meeting on 11th May was Miss Ellen Douglas, of Jobat, India, who during this her first furlough has been doing valuable deputation work. During her years in India, Miss Douglas said, she had learned many lessons; looking back, she felt that India, and Christ through India, had done far more for her than she had done for India. They had been years of wonderful fellowship with the Indian Christians and her fellow missionaries. Since her return to Canada she has visited every group in British Columbia and had been impressed by the faithful work being done. In thanking Miss Douglas, Mrs. McMurrich referred to the wonderful missionary service she was giving not only in India, but also in Canada, at first in British Columbia and later in Ontario and Quebec.

Appointed Trustee

AT the meeting of the Enlarged Council Executive in May Miss Bessie MacMurchy was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Isabella L. George.

An Opportunity to Help

AS announced elsewhere in this issue the new Mission Band study book will be ready on 1st August. This will afford an opportunity for Auxiliaries to help Mission Bands by seeing that leaders have copies of the book.

The Canadian School of Missions

DR. J. Lovell Murray, Director of the Canadian School of Missions, which plays such an important part in the missionary life of our own and other Churches, reports a very successful year. Twenty-eight courses were given, nine of them new, with a teaching staff of forty-five, nearly half of whom had not lectured before in the School, and a registration of 92 missionaries, 37 candidates, and 26 visitors—155, in all. This, its sixteenth year, closed with two special sessions: one was for the study of phonetics and the other included the N. A. Powell lectures for 1937, given by Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, of New York, on ''The Essentials of Christian Missionary Service.'' During the year 267 volumes were added to the library. A classified and annotated bibliography was compiled by experts in different fields of literature and sent to every missionary of the Canadian Churches throughout the world. A study was made on the subject ''The Future Task and Training of Missionaries'', a final report being forwarded to the Central Committee which is making preparations in North America for the Hangchow Conference in 1938. In October, seventy-two attended a two-day Institute on Deputation Work and other Furlough Problems, and in January about sixty shared in a full-day Retreat conducted by Archbishop D. T. Owen. An unusually large number of eminent visitors gave addresses at the School this year.

Busy Days

THROUGH written reports and letters something can be known of the missionaries on the fields, although one realizes that a great part, and perhaps the finest part, of their work cannot be put into words. Of the valuable service rendered by missionaries' wives and daughters, however, little is heard. One who is serving unofficially on the Bhil field in India is Miss Ruth Buchanan. While assisting her father, Rev. John Buchanan, D.D., of Amkhut, she is helping the Bhil people in many ways. She looked after the school at Sardi until the mission took it over. With the help of Dhani, daughter of Chimliya Elder, intensive work was done for the non-Christian Bhils in Dangargaon village in Bible knowledge, reading, writing, and the cultivation of school spirit—altogether a very hopeful experiment. The children built their own school hut out of the branches of trees, levelled the ground, and decorated the primitive walls, taking pride in the appearance of their school. Besides the regular women's Bible class which meets daily at the bungalow, there is the weekly Bible class for all leaders—preachers, teachers, and helpers, which was carried on for years by Mrs. Buchanan. Then there are the backward people who are taught to read and write Hindi, and the youths who, by help in special gardening, were enabled to earn enough to attend school. And, by no means least, is the development of the Leghorn fowl industry—with a view to helping the poor Bhil farmers pay their land rents; in spite of the many handicaps, the venture is proving successful, and the poor are being helped. Referring to some of the things she wants to do, Miss Buchanan herself wrote: ''There are, too, the girls who want to learn to sew and read, and to just be talked to; and the women whose darling babies want cuddling; and the village folk who want you to visit their village; and the poor, pitiful sick folk, who plead in wide-eyed terror for help; and the Women's Auxiliary of the Church, and the boys' garden, and the white Leghorns—and a hundred other blessed trifles.'' No wonder the days seem all too short!

A New Missionary

ANOTHER member was added to the Church missionary family when on 10th May a son, Charles Alexander, was born to Rev. James and Mrs. Dunn, in New Amsterdam, British Guiana.

Jubilee of Presbyterianism in the Transvaal

MRS. James Gray, for long the International Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa, has written of the Jubilee celebration of the Presbyterian Church in the Transvaal. She says: ''Just 50 years ago, a young Scot, about 36 years of age, came out for his health, and went to start the Presbyterian Church in the Orange Free State. When the gold fields of the Transvaal were opened, he came up to the new mining camp, called Johannesburg, and gathering all the Scots and Presbyterians, he began work and in a hotel dining-room he held two services, formed a committee, and sent for a minister. Sowing the Presbyterian seed in 1887, he has now lived to see the harvest. This is my husband, Rev. James Gray, now 85 years old. He was greeted with an ovation and, standing before the microphone, he told briefly of the starting of the Church in this Province when it was a republic under President Kruger. There were no trains, no telegraphs, no motor cars, only ox-wagons, mules and horses. There were only tents and mud huts, and galvanized iron buildings then. Now Johannesburg is like a modern New York, with its sky-scrapers, brick and stone houses, lovely gardens and parks, a University and many schools.'' Beginning with the small group of people in the hotel dining-room fifty years ago, the Presbyterian Church on the Rand now has 8,000 members in full communion, about 8,000 adherents, and a large native constituency, with twenty European congregations, three preaching stations and native branches.

Many Diadems

IN this Coronation year the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada and Newfoundland has given to its thirty-second annual report the title ''Many Diadems'',—symbols of the achievements of the King of Kings and ''prophecies of the world reign of Christ, when 'all wreaths of Empire meet upon His brow'.''

As the proclamation of King George VI was carried all over the world by radio, so the Bible Society seeks to have the written proclamation of the King given to all peoples of the earth, in languages they can understand. Their circulation was increased during the past year by 715,522 volumes, with a total issue of 11,686,131. ''To have sent forth written Proclamations in over 700 languages in 133 years, and to be continually adding to that number and assisting in their revision to make them clearer to the people, surely is fulfilling the King's will, and carrying out His supreme command, 'Go ye and teach all nations'.''

In Canada the Bible, or portions of it, has been issued in 110 languages. The circulation in Canada and Newfoundland for the year was 289,142 copies, a decrease of 7,082 from the year before. The Society has continued to give special attention to the new Canadians, and reports that among the Ukrainians and other comparative newcomers its messengers have been warmly received. Financial obligations in Canada and Newfoundland have been met, and $31,000 sent during 1936-37 to the parent Society for world-wide work, $4,500 more than in the previous year. ''In this Coronation year when the loyalty and love of the peoples of the Empire is extended to King George and Queen Elizabeth . . . it is surely fitting that increased revenues should be forthcoming from all Christian people to maintain the Crown Rights of the King of Kings. One means for this maintenance and extension is surely sending forth 'His saving health among all nations' through the Written Record of His will, that in every land there may be an increasing company of those who 'bring forth the Royal Diadem and crown Him Lord of all.' ''

Winning the Girls of Formosa

By Mrs. James Dickson, Tansui

IT was on the streets of New York our professor of evangelism was holding an out-door meeting, primarily to give us a demonstration of how it could be done, but also in order to call the attention of the people passing by to the urgency of God's message. A crowd had gathered to listen to him, but he was constantly interrupted by the jeers of a young woman who stood nearby with the evident deliberate intention of annoying him. At last, when he could overlook her no longer, he turned to her and said, ''My dear girl, what has Christianity meant to you that you should scorn it so?'' Almost savagely she made reply, ''I'll show you,'' and with the words she tore open her blouse from her shoulder and exposed there on the white skin a scar of the cross burnt deep into her flesh. Smouldering, bitter, hostile, her eyes met those of the teacher. ''That is what Christianity has meant to me,'' she said. A Jewess from Russia, in the days before the revolution when the Greek Orthodox religion was still in the ascendant, she had been a victim of the sporadic hatred of the people there.

Mrs. MacMillan with the Leaders' Group (the monthly all-day meeting).

Through the years that question has somehow haunted me, ''What has Christianity meant to you?'' If some one should ask that question of the people here to whom we are responsible for giving the message in its completeness, what would they answer? And if they should answer, ''Nothing'', would that not be almost as black an accusation against us as that cross burnt on the shoulder?

There is a class of people that until now have been almost entirely overlooked save for that infinitesimal group, comparatively speaking, that have been through our school, and that class consists of the young girls of Formosa.

Mrs. MacMillan kept restlessly pointing out the need of reaching them. ''The girls leave the Sunday School about the age of twelve, as they feel then that they are too big to attend. Their education, if any, is apt to stop about that time, too, and from then until they get married, they sit at home, learning nothing new, having nothing of interest in their lives. From twelve to twenty are the years when they could learn most quickly and when they are anxious and willing to learn. They will never have so much time in their lives again in which to add to their knowledge and acquire new skills. We could teach them so much. Even outside the Christian congregations, I am sure there are hundreds who would come gladly if we would teach them and make their lives happier, richer and deeper. My husband says that if there is a need which is a true need and if we have the ability to meet that need, then we cannot help but be successful in time, no matter what difficulties we meet along the way. I should like to try and help these girls.''

At the Preachers' Wives' Conference she first launched her programme, asking the preachers' wives if they felt, as she did, that these girls had been neglected, overlooked. They agreed unanimously. Girls that will be the future mothers of Formosa can be given the Gospel along with other things they long for, and they will, in turn, pass it on to their children some day. It is almost staggering to consider the influence one could have with a little work spent in this direction. She next prepared programmes for young girls' meetings, a half hour of Bible study, about fifteen minutes on ''Hygiene in the Home'', fifteen minutes of group discussion of some topic of general interest, sewing lessons for thirty to forty minutes, and then games.

The Churches in Taihoku or nearby were invited to send girls whom they considered possible leaders for their groups to a meeting to be held at Mrs. MacMillan's home in Taihoku once a month, when she taught them the content of the four programmes for the month and discussed with them the formation of the groups. Her first leaders' meeting was held in January; it is now March and already twelve groups have been formed and are meeting regularly every week. Not only Christian girls, but outside girls as well, are invited to belong to the groups, and inasmuch as the Life of Christ is being taught and they are forming the habit of coming to the Church, we hope later that many will come to the Sunday services as well.

For the Churches farther afield, only the programmes have been sent as yet. Our great need is for a suitable Girls' Work Travelling Secretary to oversee the work of the field and promote new groups, and we are urging some of our Formosan girls to try to get training for this work in Japan.

In September we hope to have a Leaders' Training Camp for about a week or longer, so that the leaders may have a chance to get further training, and at some future day, perhaps, we can have a Girls' Camp for the girls of the groups. And if some day one should fling at them the challenging question, "What has Christianity meant to you?", we hope that they will be able to answer: "It has meant knowledge of One who came and said, 'I have come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly.' "

Candidates Department

YOUR Secretary thinks back to the letters received throughout the year—most of them interesting and informing letters, some of them unusually so, and all of them forward-looking; back also to the many calls received and made, occasionally at 9 a.m., sometimes at 9 p.m.,—and at hours between; to the hurried appointments made and fitted in between other appointments; and, best of all, to the interesting visits without time limit, and all that emerged therefrom. Reluctantly, but of necessity, one turns from reviewing the real story of the year's work to the preparation of a report which must be made with due regard to time and space. And yet, for those who care to read between the lines, something of the story does appear in the facts and figures presented.

Fifty-seven persons made application to this department last year. Two of these were men seeking work in institutions. Among the young women applying were teachers with diplomas ranging from Second Class certificates to University degrees, nurses with and without post-graduate standing and experience, deaconesses being graduated and deaconesses with some years of experience to their credit. There were, too, non-professional, well-equipped young women, keen to serve. Our first candidate, in point of time, was a young medical woman whose services had long been coveted, and who is now at work in the Bhil Field, India.

Two withdrawals had to be faced during the year. Miss Margaret McKenzie of Woodbridge, Ontario, had been accepted for training, but had to withdraw for family reasons, and Miss Molly Harback, a nurse in the Canora Hospital and a prospective overseas missionary, withdrew because of illness. These two removals were accepted with deep regret.

Three candidates for service abroad have been in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home since last September. One of these, Miss Margaret Kennedy, of Montreal, is taking the Deaconess course. The other two are under appointment. Those appointed to overseas service last year were: Dr. Effie D. Winchester, of Toronto, to medical work in the Bhil Field, India; Mrs. Langdon W. Gehman (Mildred Gehman) nurse, of Galt (R.R. 7), Ontario, to evangelistic nursing in Manchuria; Miss Helena W. Gibbs, of Simcoe, Ontario, to evangelistic service in Manchuria.

Appointments to national work were: Miss Doris Thompson, nurse, of Edmonton, Alberta, Miss F. I. Beckwith, nurse, of Lousana, Alberta, and Miss Velma Anderson, nurse, of Lamont, Alberta, to the nursing staff of the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville, Alberta; Mr. Thomas Davidson, engineer, of Kenora, Ontario, to the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora; Miss Catharine Bray, teacher, of Lenore, Manitoba, and Miss Mona Gubberud, nurse, of Buchanan, Saskatchewan, to the staff of the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba, and Miss Verlie Evans, nurse, of Vancouver, to nursing service at Dixonville, Alberta.

Last October, pending a favourable medical report, Miss Edith M. Magee of Canyon, and also of Squamish, British Columbia, was accepted for training with a view to school work in Jhansi. It is expected Miss Magee will begin her missionary preparation in September of this year.

A venture new and interesting was proposed to your Secretary by two candidates, Miss Gertrude Rollo, of Vancouver, and Miss Florence MacNeill, of Cardigan, Prince Edward Island. These deaconesses, failing appointment through lack of funds, were asking to serve in some needy outpost, without regular salary. Their request was sent on to the General Board of Missions with an urgent plea that it be given consideration.

On request, a brief statement of our future needs abroad was sent to the Student Volunteer Movement offices in New York.

By arrangement with the Trustees of the Ewart Fund, which has been such a boon to this department, all future contributions from the Fund to the department will be made through the Treasurer's office.

On behalf of the Candidates' Committee (which meets monthly) your Secretary wishes to record appreciation of the many services rendered by our medical examiner, Dr. Dennis Jordan. Much added advice and attention were needed last year, and Dr. Jordan was not only our confidence in matters medical, he was also the very good friend of our Committee, and indeed of our whole Society.

As the department goes into another year of work, it does so with the hope that the fine interest in missions, shown by many candidates in recent years, can be held against the time that such interest may be turned to account in the service of the Women's Missionary Society.

Blow, O blow, you happy winds,
Singing summer's praises,
Up the field and down the field
A-dancing with the daisies.

—*Marjorie Pickthall.*

Oxford and Edinburgh, 1937

Hangchow, 1938

By Wilfred F. Butcher

IN the Assembly Hall of the Church of Scotland at Edinburgh, there was in the summer of 1910 a gathering of people which was destined to mean much to the future of the Christian Church throughout the world. To this first World Missionary Conference came men and women from most of the Protestant Churches and Missionary Societies. There they realized, as they had not before, how great and how tragic is the overlapping and the competition between the various sections of the Christian Church. They saw that in many ways this is defeating our purpose of making the Gospel of Christ known, of seeking to proclaim the rule of God in every land. And so they set themselves to try to bring about, in every possible way, a true unity of effort and of faith in the actual carrying out of the task of the World Church.

Soon after the close of the war of 1914-18 there was organized, largely through the work of Dr. John R. Mott, the International Missionary Council, whose purpose it is to so aid the work of missions everywhere that they will co-operate as far as possible and their plans will be made and carried out in terms of a world vision. In 1928 this Council held an enlarged meeting at Jerusalem, where, for the first time, the ''younger Churches'' of the Orient, Africa, and Latin America sent their leading men and women to meet with those who went from our ''older Churches'', so that they might consider together the obstacles, purposes and plans of the World Mission. There they saw, as men had never seen before, that these younger Churches are growing up, assuming responsibilities, giving leadership, and already meaning very much to the World Church. They saw, too, that in the years to come one of the tasks of missions would be to so strengthen these younger Churches that they would be able to undertake more and more of the work of evangelization in their own lands. Next year, in 1938, at Hangchow, China, a similar meeting is to be held, but this time most of the delegates are to be from the younger, and but few from the older, Churches. The theme is to be a most fitting one—''Upbuilding the Church''—and the sessions will be watched with great interest by Christians everywhere.

But it was seen at Edinburgh in 1910 that Christian unity must not only be realized in co-operative planning. In the modern world the Church is more and more in contact and in conflict with affairs and problems of life in general. Therefore, in 1925, at Stockholm, in Sweden, was held a World Conference on Life and Work, where the leaders of the Churches considered together the relationship of the Church to the many problems of business and of politics. Since then much thought and study has been given to these matters, especially those suggested by the menace to Christian faith and work offered by the recent wars and by Fascism and Communism. So there is to be held in Oxford, in July of this year, another such Conference, with the theme, ''Church, Community and State''. Our Presbyterian Church in Canada is to be represented there by Professor W. W. Bryden, of Knox College, Toronto.

Those who were at Edinburgh in 1910 saw further that, if the World Mission of the Church is to be truly carried out, with unity of plan and of relation with the affairs of the world there must also be a unity of faith. Different Christian Churches were proclaiming almost contradictory doctrines; some knew next to nothing about other Churches; and their missionaries were therefore almost in conflict when they met in distant lands. Such a state of affairs was a sin, which must not be allowed to continue. So, at Lausanne, in Switzerland, there was, in 1927, a World Conference on Faith and Order, with ministers, professors, and laymen of nearly all Christian Churches, except the Roman Catholic. Such a gathering had not been held for many, many centuries. For three weeks the delegates thought and prayed together. It was a difficult time for all. Especially did the representatives of the ancient Churches of the East find that on many things they could not agree with those of our Western world. But there was general harmony and deep unity on the great essential doctrines of the Christian faith.

Much study has continued through the ten years since that time. And now, in August of this year, another such Conference is to be held, this time in Edinburgh again. In view of the growing unbelief and indifference of our time, it is most important that unity of faith and doctrine should be shown to the pagan world, which we now see to be not only in Asia but in Europe, not only among the Chinese but among the Canadians. It is hoped that the Edinburgh Conference may result in at least another step towards such unity of Christian faith, and in deeper understanding of the doctrine of the various parts of the Church, which have all so much to give to one another. Our Presbyterian Church in Canada is not sending an official delegate to Edinburgh, but the writer of this article will attend as one of the fifty members of the younger generation who have been invited from all over the world.

These conferences at Oxford and at Edinburgh may mean much to the World Church of the future. There will be many difficulties and obstacles. It is only as the delegates are upheld by the prayers of Christian people everywhere that they can hope to succeed at all. And it is only as those who believe in the Christian faith seek to understand what is happening at such gatherings as these that their results can be really effective.

Overseas Mission Work

BRITISH GUIANA

ON the anniversary of her arrival in New Amsterdam, Miss Olwen Davies, Principal of the Berbice Girls' High School, wrote: ''When I think about home and all my friends in Canada, it seems years since I left; but, on the other hand, when I look back on my work in New Amsterdam, I feel I have just started and have accomplished very little indeed.'' A fair percentage of her pupils, however, passed the Cambridge examinations. One girl entered the Teachers' Training Centre, another passed the Senior Cambridge examination and has since been appointed on the staff of the Girls' High School, and four girls passed the Junior Cambridge examination.

The enlargement of the staff (another teacher had been appointed at the beginning of the school year) made it possible for Miss Davies to do more evangelistic work and less teaching in the school. She is ''highly elated'' that now she has some time to visit the women in their homes, to know them personally and to learn their needs. In the autumn she found time to visit the homes of all in the New Amsterdam congregation. Her idea is to get a close contact with the women and then organize women's meetings. Unfortunately, one of her teachers resigned, and she was forced to give more time to the school.

The Sunday School which Miss Davies reorganized shortly after her arrival has grown quite rapidly. In January, 1936, there were thirty-six scholars and in January, 1937, sixty-four. Two East Indian teachers are her capable assistants. Special Easter and Christmas entertainments by the children were greatly enjoyed by the parents. She has also conducted two girls' classes, one a Senior class which was formerly under the direction of Mrs. Dunn. These classes meet weekly in the Girls' High School, following varied programmes—missionary, devotional, literary, and social. The Senior class, which has been named ''The British Guiana Girls' Training Class for helping Younger Girls'', held a bazaar and pound sale, realizing about forty dollars to add to their bank account for an organ for their church.

Girls everywhere appear to enjoy summer camps, and our girls in British Guiana are no exception to the rule. Early in August twenty girls, accompanied by Rev. David and Mrs. Marshall and their children Willie and Jean, went on a camping expedition to the Essequibo coast. Miss Davies and Miss Storey had gone two days earlier to have everything in readiness at the Burns Memorial House when the campers arrived. Eight happy, helpful, healthful days were enjoyed by all. The camp was carried on along the same lines as Church-conducted camps in Canada.

During the Thanksgiving season Miss Davies had the opportunity of conducting three services in the country; two were Sunday School services, the other a Church service.

MANCHURIA

At the beginning of one of the early reports of our Presbyterian Mission in Manchuria Mrs. Goforth wrote these words:

> ''To preach Christ
> By every means possible
> To as many as possible
> As speedily as possible.''

And this has been done since 1927 by a small group of earnest men and women with the Rev. Doctor and Mrs. Goforth at their head. To-day the mission is bereft in the death of its founder, Doctor Goforth, and in Mrs. Goforth's retirement. A number of the early missionaries have left that particular field, but Doctor Goforth's spirit lives on in those who were his co-workers, in those who have followed him, and, we believe, in the two young women evangelists whom we expect to send to Manchuria in the autumn.

Bible Women in Szepingkai

That these two workers, so well equipped spiritually, intellectually and practically, are ready to go, and that one of the three houses erected by the Church and our Society on the mission compound in Szepingkai is in readiness to receive them are reasons for thanking God and taking courage.

Our usual grant was sent to Mrs. Davis for the short-term Bible Training classes and the publication of the simple Christian literature so eagerly sought by the people.

The Rev. Allan and Mrs. Reoch are journeying home for a much needed furlough. We await an oral report of their fruitful labours, and of the settlement of the Rev. Edward and Mrs. Johnson in Szepingkai. Mr. Reoch brings with him a precious gift from the Chinese Christians—a sum of money to erect a tombstone over the grave of their revered friend and leader, the Rev. Doctor Jonathan Goforth.

SHANGHAI

OUR grant of $100.00 towards the work of the Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, in whose steady growth we rejoice, has been augmented in this its jubilee year by $95.00 for the publication of a Chinese Mother's Book.

Mrs. Donald MacGillivray has aroused our special interest in the seven Chinese young women in the office, in certain Chinese Christians who, amongst many, are beginning to write themselves—one a graduate of the Baptist University, who after intensive study is writing a Life of Christ; and Miss Mary Liu, another College graduate and brilliant Chinese scholar, who is editing the Woman's Magazine.

Mrs. MacGillivray's reconsideration of her resignation from the Society, because of improvement in her health, is a joy to us—and to her colleagues.

SOUTH CHINA

MRS. Burkwall reports that, with the Central Government at Nanking in full control of Kwang Tung and Kwang Si Provinces, gambling and opium-smoking are suppressed and the New Life Movement with its many reforms is being emphasized. The influence of the Christian religion is evidenced in the newspaper evangelism, and missionary work progresses without hindrance. Mrs. Burkwall writes of many earnest and utterly devoted Bible women whom we have followed since their conversion, through their years at school, their Bible School work and graduation, then in their itinerating, and their work in congregations and preaching stations. Through it all we trace her guiding hand, her constant interest and encouragement.

She attended the Synod as our representative; the Conference for Women Workers which was held as usual with an increasing number of women from different parts of the Province; and the annual Pooi Ling meeting managed entirely by Chinese Christians of different denominations, which was one of the best and a great help and inspiration to our Bible women. At a Retreat and special meetings for Shek Lung workers Mrs. Burkwall assisted in the Bible teaching. A Conference for preachers, Bible women, missionaries, and other workers was held later to discuss such problems as evangelistic meetings, christianizing the home, youth and the Church, stewardship, etc., the leaders being a group from Peiping of the General Assembly. For the first six months of the year, Mrs. Burkwall continued to teach in the Canton Bible School and, in spite of very indifferent health, kept in touch with the students to the end.

She writes: ''Much of my time has to be given to work which cannot very well be tabulated in a report; nevertheless, it is 'done unto the Lord' and I think counts with Him. Our home is ever open to those who are in need of help, sympathy or counsel and an ever increasing number look to me for help in their problems, for which I thank God. . . . I have continued to keep in close touch with many Canadian Chinese and with the workers from the Shek Lung field. I am a member of the Committee of the 'Door of Hope', an institution run on 'faith' lines which is seeking to save poor unfortunate girls and women. In the Insane Hospital, a Government institution near our home, are several poor Christian women for whom I feel a responsibility. I am the only foreigner who visits the institution regularly and am welcomed by them. I am allowed to take some to Church at times and to arrange for informal little meetings. My Sunday School entails visiting and my connection with the Bible Society means that the colporteurs' families who live in the city, many of them poor, need visiting and help in their problems.

''All these and many other duties take time and strength, but the joy of service is compensation. My husband is due for retirement from the Bible Society, but feeling that we are still needed here, we hope to return after our furlough to help in the work we so love.

''In this my twenty-fifth year in Chinese work, I think of all that God has wrought, the growth and progress of His Church, the development of a spiritual leadership among the Chinese themselves, and my heart goes out in gratitude to Him who has permitted me to have a share in the building up of His Kingdom in this land. How glad I am, too, that the Church in the homeland, so dear to me, has a share in this work!''

Repeated requests have come from the Church of Christ in China for a missionary from Canada to succeed Mrs. Burkwall in the beneficent work she accomplished before her marriage, and that which she has done voluntarily ever since. We have no such candidate in sight as yet.

FORMOSA

FORMOSA is one of the most densely populated islands in the world: 5,000,000 Chinese, 300,000 Japanese, and about 200,000 aborigines. Its chief products are: sugar, rice, tea, tropical fruits, coal, gold, camphor. There are two Presbyterian missions, the English Presbyterian in South Formosa, and the Canadian in North Formosa. Besides, Japanese Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Methodists, and Anglicans have established missions. In North Formosa work is carried on at 78 stations, 19 self-supporting and 59 aid-receiving, with 117 elders, 53 unordained preachers and 12 ordained pastors.

These few facts are taken from the intensely interesting annual report prepared by the missionaries on the field, but in this outline of their work it is impossible to give any idea of the strain, anxiety, perplexity, hope of their days, or of their conferences with Japanese Government officials, the consciousness of their responsibility, to the home Boards and to Formosans, to make wise decisions in educational matters bearing on the present and future policies of the mission.

For several years attention has been directed to the rapid development of Japanese nationalism affecting civic, industrial, and educational life in Formosa. Especially was this evident in the ever-tightening strictures on the management of our Girls' and Boys' Schools, as explained in our W.M.S. Annual Report for 1935. A crisis was reached during the summer of 1936, when, acting on information from the North Formosan Council, the General Board of Missions and the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) presented the Girls' School and the Boys' School buildings to the Japanese Government, and sold the surrounding property for Yen 90,000. In this connection members are reminded of articles which appeared in the *Glad Tidings* during 1936, especially in November and December.

It is fitting that we record our appreciation of the efforts of our missionaries, not only to carry on their daily duties, but, during the negotiations in connection with the transfer of property to the Japanese Government, to protect the interests of our mission, and that we express to all the missionaries and the missionaries' wives our gratitude that they have upheld the cause of Christian evangelism. *Evangelism* has been strengthened in many ways. There has been more aggressive teaching, and preaching. The *Three Year Movement* was begun by the native Presbytery, which seeks through prayer, Bible study and other forms of service to quicken the whole Church life. A revival followed Dr. Sung's week's stay in Taihoku, with three meetings daily, each lasting three hours. Thousands attended; hundreds were converted; and several hundred preaching bands were organized, the members pledging themselves to testify to the Gospel at least once a week. The spiritual life of the whole Church has been quickened, attendance increased, many taking a more active part in Church work. Five churches became self-supporting during the year. The *Bible Memorizing Scheme,* which many adopt, continues to prove a blessing. Two new candidates for Bible women and one from the nursing department earned their first term at the Women's School by reciting the last 500 verses of the series. *Daily Vacation Bible Schools*—Nine used the programme arranged by the Presbytery's committee; an average of 33 pupils a school completed the course; emphasis was placed on Bible stories and memory work; pupils were encouraged to read the Bible aloud. Miss Ramsay, evangelist, who has so faithfully carried on work in Chinese among the Formosans, and Miss Heighton, designated as an evangelist in 1935, are both in Tokyo studying Japanese.

Conferences—*Christian Youth Movement*—The spirit of Christian youth in Formosa was evident at the conference of 1936. Two hundred delegates, men and women, testified of their joy in such Christian fellowship. Young Formosan women heretofore have not had opportunities afforded in such organizations. Now that the way is being opened for them there is hope for a great future in women's work. The conference subject was ''The *fukuin* (good news) of Jesus in the present day'', the Conference motto—''Follow thou Me.'' The first *Preachers' Wives' Conference* of North Formosa, held in Tansui for three days and attended by forty-three preachers' wives, gave opportunity for fellowship, constructive planning of definite work among the women and girls of congregations, Bible study, and health talks.

Girls' School.—Last year's record shows a large enrolment (161), with a graduating class of 20, the largest in the history of the school, and satisfactory progress in every department. The Christian girls, besides following the prescribed studies, took an increasing interest in young people's Church work. Though the Japanese Government does not allow religious instruction in the school, Christian pupils and their friends still carry on Christian Endeavour and similar activities in the Women's School. For successful functions celebrating special national and school events both teachers and pupils received well-deserved praise. Miss Newbury, acting Principal while Miss Douglas was studying Japanese in Tokyo, gave invaluable assistance to our mission during negotiations with the Government. She resigned and returned to Japan in December.

From 1884, when this school opened, until October, 1936, when it was taken over by the Japanese Government, its consistent policy was to give the best possible secular education, at the same time stressing Christian teaching and Christian ideals. Teacher after teacher has given of her best, with prayer and faith, and only in years to come can their influence be truly evaluated, as their former pupils take their places in the ever-widening sphere for women in Formosan Church life.

The Women's School had an enrolment of 30. The method of instruction is well described by its Japanese name which means ''a place for women's discussion meetings'', although there is a prescribed two years' course. Two new courses have been added, in Sunday School methods and instruction in telling the Gospel to others. Students assist in Sunday School, women's meetings, etc. Several are studying to become Bible women. As the Women's School property was included in the properties sold to the Government, at present a former teacher's residence is being used. As its Principal and Secretary-Treasurer of the Council, Miss Burdick had heavy duties until Miss Taylor offered to relieve her of part of the secretarial and book-keeping work. Miss Taylor spent two years in language study in Tokyo, returned to Formosa and has a class of 40 in piano, organ, singing. She also teaches singing and organ at the Theological College. (Her furlough began in April, 1937.)

Kindergartens.—Four churches have active, self-supporting kindergartens with six teachers and over 250 pupils, 74 graduating in March. Most of these still attend Sunday School. Many children are real missionaries bringing others to Sunday School. Improvement has been noticed in the use of Japanese and in the larger number of children taking part in the Christmas programme. After two years in Tokyo studying Japanese and modern kindergarten methods, Miss Adams has returned and will supervise kindergartens in North Formosa.

The Women's Missionary Society has over 400 members and supports four full-time Bible women. Over 160 attended their annual meeting, when Mr. and Mrs. Mackay were kindly remembered on the 25th anniversary of their arrival in Formosa.

Mrs. Koa visited many centres and is in touch with women in Buddhist retreats, one of whom accepted Christianity. She visited the East Coast where two Bible women work; nowhere did she get a more attentive hearing than from these aborigines, pupils of Chawan, the Bible woman.

The mission has eight full-time and two part-time Bible women, two giving full time to the hospital and one to kindergartens, the others working at twelve different centres. Some of them walk long distances to hold open-air or family worship meetings at large farm-houses where many families reside together.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in thirteen places; the offering being divided between the Temperance Society and the Leprosy Colony.

The Mackay Memorial Hospital, with 78 beds, admitted 1,116 patients in 1936, chiefly Formosan Chinese. The non-missionary community, chiefly British and American, look to the hospital doctors for professional service. Their appreciation is shown by their financial contribution to the hospital, which helps to make up for the loss through the poverty of many Formosan patients. The weekly out-patient clinic for leprosy supplies a real need among non-segregated lepers.

Miss Chisholm, on account of illness in her family, resigned at the end of her furlough. Circumstances having made it possible for her to resume her duties, she has agreed to return to the Mackay Memorial Hospital, much to the satisfaction of all concerned. Miss Hermanson had a heavy year's responsibility, doing most of the maternity work as well as supervising nursing generally and studying Japanese. Miss Weir, though busy with language study, gave much valuable help.

The furloughs of Dr. Gushue-Taylor and Dr. Stevens being due, Dr. L. Little of South Formosa was appointed to the staff and later made superintendent. Mrs. Little, also a graduate in medicine and a former valued member of the staff, gives professional help when possible.

Recent Government regulations requiring that a certain number of nurses have Government diplomas necessitated several changes. The staff now consists of seven graduate, twelve pupil nurses, and two probationers. Several of these are taking the Government examinations. New equipment has been installed and many improvements made to modernize the hospital.

An outstanding feature of the work at Happy Mount Leprosy Colony is the growth of the Church (the building was the gift of the W.M.S.): 23 members were admitted to Church membership in 1936, a total of 44 since the colony was opened in 1934. They attend Church and Sunday School regularly, 28 having perfect attendance at the latter. There are three elders and two deacons.

During Dr. and Mrs. Gushue-Taylor's furlough the colony will be under the supervision of Mrs. Gauld and Miss Gretta Gauld, so favourably known and esteemed by the members of the mission staff.

Changes in the educational situation have left our missionaries free to devote themselves to the object for which the mission was established, teaching the Gospel and training Formosans to carry on the work, especially as leaders, so that in time to come native Christians may assume the responsibility of evangelizing their own people and native homes become centres of religious life. How best to achieve this object is a matter receiving careful consideration.

To gather information regarding methods used successfully in other missionary training centres, Miss Adams and Miss Burdick visited South Formosa in October, and later Miss Adams and Miss Douglas spent several weeks in Japan and Korea, studying every phase of Christian education and its practical application. The reports of their investigations will be of great value in planning the future policy of the mission, and our missionary-minded people look forward with high hopes to widening and deepening evangelism in Formosa.

INDIA

JOBAT.—For the greater part of 1936 there was no resident doctor at Jobat Hospital and Miss McConnell feels that this accounts for a slight decrease in the number of patients treated, but to offset that a greater number of maternity cases came to the Louise Henderson Maternity Ward where thirty-three little babies were welcomed into this world. With the help of Jigiyo Padre and a full-time Bible woman the Word was given to all patients; and the hospital is definitely being ''used of God'' for healing.

One of the outstanding events of the year was the acceptance of Dr. Effie Winchester's offer of a term of service in India, thereby making it possible to supply the great need for a doctor for Jobat Hospital until such time as the General Board of Missions could make a permanent appointment. She left Canada in late September and was welcomed to the field at the time of the autumn Council. Her first letters prove that she has been kept busy and very happy in the work.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy looked after the hospital while Miss McConnell was on holidays, but the rest of her year was devoted to evangelistic work in and around Jobat and at Toran Mal. Her earnest desire is that the teaching given in camp and home visitations may draw some wandering souls to Christ. She, with Miss Sherrick, attended a conference in Rasalpura regarding Mass Movements and the annual meeting of the Mid-India Representative Christian Council. A challenge was issued to all present to work more in unison, and much inspiration was received from meeting with missionaries and Indian workers from different mission fields, all with the one burning desire—that the Kingdom of God may advance in India.

Amkhut.—In addition to her academic duties at Amkhut school, Miss Sherrick took over the supervision of primary schools when Miss Douglas went on furlough and managed to visit all the schools at least once a month. A shortage of teachers was due to marriages, change of work, and absence for further study, and some will return better fitted for their tasks. During the two weeks' corn-eating holiday in September a Refresher course was held with Miss Morland of the India Sunday School Union as special lecturer. Miss Sherrick also visited the Christian Academy at Dhamtari and was impressed with the suitability of the place to which our pupils go for teacher training.

Miss Williamson, on her return to India after furlough, was appointed to ''non-academic'' school work in Amkhut. It will be readily understood how much there is to do outside of actual lessons! It means the supervision of hostels for girls and boys (and the work is hampered greatly by the lack of suitable housing accommodation for the latter), the general care of buildings, and extra work in the renewal of the W.M.S. bungalow roof and the installation of the electric lighting system. Eighty girls and forty boys were housed, fed, clothed, and kept clean, and the general health was better than usual. Practically all come from Christian homes.

The electricity is proving an inestimable blessing, not only for the lights which add an hour or two to each day and dispel the darkness of night, but for the power to pump a more adequate water supply, which is a great boon. There were no serious epidemics. Miss Errey, in addition to the care of her little family of eleven small children in the Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home, had about fifty in-patients, besides treating many children and adults for fever, sore eyes, scabies, burns, and accidents.

Miss Maxwell reports a year of moving about. January and February saw her working with her helpers in many villages near Alirajpur. A village is a group of small farms and from each encampment as much territory as possible was worked. In March she left a group of evangelists to continue and climbed the hills to Toran Mal for two months, then off for the hot season's holidays. In July she took classes in Bible study with the Amkhut school children and teachers, doing the same type of work in August and September in Jobat and Mendha. It was a joy to her to get to know in this way almost the whole Christian community and it was ''a year literally filled with God's presence and guidance.''

Miss Douglas arrived in Vancouver in April and after her three months' rest has been busy with some studies and deputation work in British Columbia. Other provinces will this year have an opportunity to see and hear her.

We are greatly indebted to our missionaries for an interesting little booklet, *Day by Day among the Bhils.* We never forget that it is to Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan and their pioneer efforts that we owe this wonderful work among the Bhils and whether the near future brings Dr. Buchanan to Canada or sees him continuing in some branch of the service to which he has devoted his life, we wish him God's richest blessing. We are thankful that his two daughters are with him in India, Miss Ruth being her father's right hand in every kind of missionary endeavour and Miss Edith occupying a responsible position in a mission hospital.

Jhansi.—Although individually the reports are very much the same as last year and have in them a note of disappointment that our missionaries are not seeing results in the in-gathering of souls for which they long, your Secretary feels that there are a great many encouraging features. Again we hear of the W.M.S. Auxiliary doing real missionary work. They held monthly meetings, supported a wee girl in the orphanage, contributed to Church and evangelistic work and held a World Day of Prayer service, sending $3.00 to our offering in Canada. Our programme was translated into Hindi by the Jubbulpore Press.

Miss Stringer was able to secure a much more efficient staff of teachers for the Helen Macdonald School, three of them our own graduates. In May the matron and girls moved into the spacious new hostel, but the formal opening was not until September. It was such an improvement to be comfortably housed without over-crowding; there is, too, suitable accommodation for two missionaries in the new buildings. Of the five Class VI girls who tried Government Middle School examinations four passed in all subjects, three with honours. There are two Guide groups, two Bluebird groups, and the teachers belong to the Rangers, the only Indian girls in the organization, the others being English and Eurasian. Mrs. MacKay gave her valuable services much of the time to the primary school which went back to the original building when the new hostel was opened. She felt there were many causes for encouragement, one being the deeper interest in handicraft work and sewing because of the opportunity to compete with other schools. The Sunday School work in Jhansi city carried on by the senior girls and teachers has steadily continued. Dr. Thurrott was very successful in organizing and training a choir which gives very fine renderings of anthems and hymns in four parts. One of the finest services of the year was a choral service on Christmas Sunday.

Miss McKechnie's marriage in August to Mr. John Cheshire meant once again a loss to our W.M.S. ranks, but a gain to the Church's staff of missionaries. They are concentrating on evangelistic work.

Miss Simpson was kept busy with the orphanage and medical work. She still has Miriam, the nurse in charge of the dispensary. There was less illness in 1936, but unfortunately two girls developed tuberculosis and of these one did not recover. Great care has been taken with Dr. Thurrott's help to watch the health of all school children so that there would be no spreading of infection, for this disease is very prevalent in India. Of twenty little children in the orphanage four were old enough to be transferred to the school. Miss Simpson cannot speak too highly of Grace-bai, her Christian character and her loving care of the little ones.

Dr. Thurrott and Miss Whatling carried on evangelistic and medical work in Babina and Baragoan, each with an Indian preacher and nurse-helper, not camping this year as formerly but putting all their efforts into the villages near home. The night school that was started in 1935 continued with a good attendance and definite teaching until the spring of 1936. The year saw several homes cleared of their idols. Surely this is a step towards their taking up their cross and following Christ. There were quite a few maternity cases, and mothers and babies alike were a testimony to the skill of our missionaries. Sophie-bai, nurse evangelist, asked that she might give a text for consideration during the year and this was her choice:—I Peter 5:6 ''Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time.''

In review one cannot help but feel aware of the changes that each year brings, of the mass movements that are claiming the attention of all India, and wonder how we can help our staff to readjust policies and co-operate with other Boards so that the workers and funds at our disposal may be put to the very best possible use for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. One feels that added responsibility because of the changing needs should be borne very heavily in our hearts and made the subject for special effort and prayer.

JAPAN

AN encouraging note permeates the reports from the Mission to Koreans in Japan this year, not because of any definite advance in the work or any notable increase in membership but because of a steady growth and a strong evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit among the people. The attitude of Christians toward others is one of brotherly love, in honour preferring one another. It is encouraging, too, to note the readiness of non-Christians to attend meetings and their interest in the Gospel story. They often crowd the small churches and stand outside at open windows. Miss MacLean says there have been difficulties to overcome and disappointments to face, but through all the Lord has provided the needed strength to carry on. She is still supervisor of women's work and of kindergartens. This, with her evangelistic work and clerical duties as secretary of Council, gave her a busy year.

Pastors, Bible Women and delegates at first Presbyterial meeting, Miss MacLean and Miss MacDonald in second row, Pastor Chi Syun Kim beside Miss MacLean.

The forty W.M.S. groups scattered over Japan follow the same programme for the year, but each group plans its own mission work. Some support a Bible woman, some help their local church, while others help in building new churches. Their motto for this year is: ''God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.'' The twenty groups in the Kobe-Osaka-Kyoto district have formed a Presbyterial.

Miss MacLean praises highly the faithful Bible women who daily go among the people telling them of Christ. Results of their faithfulness are seen in the awakening of non-Christians to their need of Him. ''Is it any wonder,'' she asks, ''that every district is asking for a Bible woman?'' But funds will not permit the employing of any more. One of these, Miss Sok, asked for a more difficult field, and was sent to the cold, lonely island of Saghalien, the first worker to be located in this most northerly island of Japan. She received a hearty and sincere welcome and is greatly beloved by the people there. Miss Chang, Miss MacLean's personal helper, is another outstanding Bible woman. She has proved herself an able preacher and a good Bible teacher, but is always ready and willing to do any type of work.

The kindergartens continue to fill the need among children, but one was closed by officials because it was not registered. Some of the earlier graduates have now become the young people of the Churches; thus the kindergartens are already showing results. The teachers held several conferences during the year when as a group they visited Japanese training schools to observe Japanese kindergarten methods. Mothers were invited to these conferences to hear practical talks on the aims and benefits of kindergartens.

The teachers of the Vacation Bible Schools met in July for intensive Bible study to prepare for teaching the girls and boys in the Vacation Bible Schools in August. The interest manifested presaged good work and our missionaries were not disappointed, for the schools were most encouraging. They were held in 69 centres, attended by 2,999 pupils and taught by 222 teachers—a gain in the number of schools, pupils and teachers.

Rev. Chi Syun Kim became a pastor of the mission early in the year after completing three years' post-graduate study in the United States, where he earned the degree of Doctor of Theology. He was engaged for special evangelistic and literary work. Being well equipped educationally, of strong personality, a fluent speaker and a capable evangelist, he is now conceded to be one of their strongest workers. During the year Mr. Kim translated a number of evangelistic booklets and is now preparing a commentary on Isaiah which is to be part of the Bible commentary being prepared for Koreans.

The long awaited health nurse had not arrived at the end of the year, but she was expected to begin work early in March.

Miss Anderson, our other W.M.S. missionary, is still in Canada, but will return to Japan early in the autumn. She has addressed many meetings in Ontario and Quebec, Auxiliary, sectional and Presbyterial, the Board of Missions and a Synod meeting.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, who hast consecrated for us a new and living way by which we may come acceptably to Thy throne of grace, even through Jesus Christ our Saviour, we humbly and trustfully offer unto Thee our prayers.

We confess all our transgressions against Thy laws and Thy love, our forgetfulness and misuse of Thy good gifts, and our failure in the duties we owe to Thee and to our fellow men. Be pleased to forgive us all our sins, for Jesus' sake, and draw us more closely into Thy blessed fellowship. Help us to seek the treasures of Thy grace with our whole heart so that we may find and be satisfied; and being nourished by the bread that cometh down from heaven, we may be strong to serve in Thy kingdom.

We thank Thee for the Gospel of Thy redeeming love through Jesus Christ, and that Thou dost call us to be fellow-labourers with Thee. Consecrate us for this holy and glorious service, and make us willing to give of our time, talents, money and prayers on its behalf, to the end that the whole earth may know Thee, the only living and true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. May our Church in all its membership become zealous for Thy glory; may its leaders be men and women of piety and consecration; may its congregations at home and on the mission fields abroad lengthen their cords and strengthen their stakes; and may this Women's Missionary Society be enabled to fulfil all Thy purpose for it, and through it for the world.

We commend unto Thee our missionaries in Canada and on our foreign fields, and we pray, O Father, that Thou wilt sustain and encourage them, and so bless their work that they may have many souls for their hire. And grant, O God, that all mankind may learn that security and peace and true prosperity are the portion of those only who seek Thy Kingdom and Thy righteousness. We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Heaven above is softer blue,
Earth around is sweeter green,
Something lives in every hue
Christless eyes have never seen!

LANTERN SLIDES

IN the spring of 1936, ''Pioneers'', a set of slides on the work in the Peace River district, prepared by Dr. Kannawin after his trip through that field, was sent out. This set has been widely used, especially by the Young People's groups. Slips noting changes in the staff, etc., were added to the lecturettes in use. As material for a new set did not arrive, no work could be done on it.

Alberta reports requests from several places which had not used slides before, so the field is increasing. Letters have testified that the pictures are interesting and helpful in telling the story of missions under the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Manitoba and Saskatchewan report that the slides are holding the interest, especially of the young people. Some are having a set every week for a month for illustrated lectures. Another Society is using the slides when their minister has to take a service elsewhere. New pictures will be greatly appreciated. Ontario shows an increase, and the Secretary states that no printed report can convey the value of the slides. So great is the demand that the date must be set far in advance and the box returned promptly. Quebec reported a decrease, but the use made of the pictures by Mission Bands, Young People's Societies and Sabbath Schools was encouraging. The Maritimes reported a slight decrease. Sometimes the slides are used more than once and no record sent in. It would be more satisfactory if the exact number of showings could be reported.

Reported Showings: Alberta 35; British Columbia 16; Manitoba and Saskatchewan 45; Ontario 244; Quebec 46; Maritimes 16; total 402. Total expenditure, $50.22, of which each Board pays $16.74.

National Girls' Work Board

By Miss Violet Tennant

ON April 6 the National Girls' Work Board held its annual meeting at the Y.W.C.A., McGill Street, Toronto. On this Board there are official representatives from the Anglican, Disciples, Baptist, Presbyterian and United Churches and from the Y.W.C.A. Because the Women's Missionary Society sponsors the C.G.I.T. within our Church, the members are interested in what was done.

The Programme, Promotion and Bible Study Committees reported their activities for the past year and outlined plans for the coming term. The recommendations brought in by the staff conference were extensive, but by far the most important discussion centred around the statement given below. It calls for a re-examining of the work of our various groups. It calls on the leaders to make certain of the spiritual basis of all activities of the C.G.I.T. groups. That this note may be sounded and re-sounded in every C.G.I.T. group in the Presbyterian Church is our wish. Let us bend our efforts anew to helping the girls ''become the girls that God would have them be''.

The following is the statement passed by the National Girls' Work Board.

''A review of the primary purpose of the C.G.I.T. movement and a survey of its outworking in the field to-day has made us aware of inadequate Christian education in many of the groups.

''We recognize that this condition is due in part to the efforts of the leader to carry out a girl-centred and activity programme in which she has failed to keep in mind the Christian motive; thus the activities tend to become ends in themselves.

''We are still of the opinion that the most effective Christian education can be accomplished through the techniques at present employed, but we are convinced that there is a need everywhere for re-emphasis of the spiritual motivation of all activities.''

What To Read

By Margaret Ness

STUDY Books for the Fall! The special committee appointed to arrange for the Study Book for Auxiliaries has decided on three books for 1937-38. As many Auxiliaries have asked for a real study book, **Christianity in Eastern Conflicts** (75c.), by William Paton, is suggested, dealing as it does with World Missions. For those who wish to read directly from the Study Book at the meetings and then discuss the material read, two books are suggested. One is **Treasures in the Earth** (50c.), by Fred Hamlin, telling of the various types of rural missionary enterprises in the world. The second book, now in preparation, will contain the reports of our own missionaries on their work for the year 1936. The price and date of publication have not yet been decided. The other two books may be ordered in August. This is merely an advance report.

The Mission Band book is to be a one-year book, each chapter containing a worship service, a missionary story, and notes and hints for handwork or games. The theme of the book is built around the picture ''The Hope of the World''. This book will be ready for distribution by the first of August. Price 30 cents.

A new shipment of that delightful story for boys, **Vagabond Wong,** has arrived. It is an exciting story of a Chinese boy and an English boy in a flood, and has a definite Christian background. Price 50 cents.

Among our 35c. titles are the following: Hugh Redwood's five books, **God in the Slums, God in the Shadows, God in the Everyday, Kingdom Come, Pines and Pit-Props**; Isabel Cameron's series: **The Doctor, More About the Doctor, The Doctor Calls Again, Angus Our Precentor; The Greatest Thing in the World** (Drummond); **The Path of Prayer** (Chadwick); **Jesus Christ** (Deane); the Wilhelmina Stitch books, particularly her last one, **A New Trial; Ambassadors for Christ** (Cable and French).

For little gifts the following are suggested: the series of 25c. leatherette booklets, **Look to Jesus** (daily meditations and prayers), **A Child's Book of Prayers, Words of Comfort** (Precious passages from Holy Scripture), **Jesus in Prayer, From the Psalms.**

An innovation for the Publications Department is the ''Snapshot Bureau''. So many write in for pictures of our missionaries that snapshots are being taken which will be sold at 10c. each, this charge just covering cost of film, developing and postage. Pictures available now: Miss Mary Murray, Miss Agnes Dickson, Miss Ethel Chisholm (Formosa), Miss Ellen Douglas (India), Miss Mary Anderson (Japan), Miss Isabel Taylor (Formosa); and one of Mrs. Langdon Gehman and Miss Helena Gibbs, appointed to Manchuria.

A Seeker

''Yours are the eyes through which is to look out Christ's compassion to the world.''—*St. Teresa.*

I climbed the hills to find Him,
I looked o'er moor and plain,
His breezes bent the heather,
His voice was in the rain,
And yet He seemed as far from me
As shadows in eternity.

I searched Him in the pages
Of writers new and old—
Philosophers and poets—
In missals edged with gold,
And yet my mind could only think
Of mouldered saints and faded ink.

My eyes were dim with reading,
The rain was in my hair,
I looked into a woman's face
And recognized Him there.
How strange it seems, that love Divine
Must work through lives like yours and mine!

—Margaret Hope in the *British Weekly.*

OUR LETTER BOX

A Day in Jobat Hospital

Jobat, India.

READING my letters from home made me realize that I had been very negligent in keeping in touch with my friends in the different Auxiliaries, so that I decided to write and give you a few glimpses into the day's activities. It has been such a very hot day. One feels glad that there is not a big rush of work in the hospital, as it would be difficult to get through. When the hot weather first comes we feel very washed out and do not seem to have much energy. Of course, the more work one has to do the less time one has to think of the heat. After a restless night when we had to pick up our beds off the veranda, because of the high wind, we did feel more or less like ''blue Monday''. It is not always the work we do with our hands that makes us feel ''all in'' when the day's duties are over, but it is the anxiety we have over some of our patients. Going to the hospital at 7.30 a.m., we had staff prayers which always give us strength for the day's duties. As soon as prayers were over, I went to see little Jai Singh, a boy from Amkhut who has been with us for some time suffering from meningitis. His condition had been very poor for some days, but he seemed to have brightened up considerably. As we have several Christian patients in hospital I visited them all first. Some of them wanted to know when they could go home. One minute they are burning up with fever (105), and the next they are asking when they can go home. Nahaju and Lazar, children from Amkhut who have T.B., are looking forward to going to Toran Mal next week.

About 8.30 a.m. a very sick baby was admitted. The head Compounder, Mangtiya, had seen the baby several days ago and asked the parents to bring it to the hospital. They did not bring it until it was too late to do much for it. When I went over to see it, it had a temperature of 107,—a lovely baby eleven months old. One felt so sad to think it had not been brought earlier when we could probably have saved it. One of the nurses and I worked with it until 11.30, when the fever was reduced to normal. As the relatives watched it they said, ''Oh, that is fine! It will be all right now.'' I did not give them any encouragement as the baby was in a very critical condition. At 1.30 they called me to tell me the temperature had gone up again. We went through the same treatment as in the morning, and once more got the fever reduced. This time the baby did look as if it might pull through. Telling them not to disturb the child, we left to attend to other duties around the hospital. I told the parents that if the baby recovered it would only be in answer to our prayers. They were Mohammedans and, of course, they agreed with all I had to say. When the daily ''bus'' came from Dohad with ice, we were so very thankful, as we had wanted it so badly for our baby. I wish you could have seen the array of thermos bottles, all filled with ice. Had you seen them, you would have been able to appreciate our feeling when in the morning's mail we had the news that we were going to get an Electrolux. Miss MacMurchy and I began to count all the things we could keep in it and all the nice cold things we would be able to have, not to speak of having ice for patients. The endless worries we are going to be saved!

We had an enjoyable intermission from work when we went over to Mrs. McDonald's for tea. One of the Princes from a neighbouring State was spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Young, and they were all coming for tea. This Prince has become a Christian quite recently. He has given up practically everything that a son of one of India's ruling chiefs expects to have. He has been mourned as dead by his father, but he remains true to the decision he made. Just now he is not quite sure whether he should study for the ministry or not. He is a young man of twenty-four. He told us how very much he enjoyed going around some of the Bhil huts. He was entertained by watching one of the witch doctors cast an evil spirit out of a man. I am sure if this young man does go through for the ministry he will be very much used among his own people. He went to the villages with some of the Christian boys and enjoyed it very much.

Many of our patients in the past few weeks have been babies. We seem to have had a regular epidemic of pneumonia amongst the children, but I am glad to say they all recovered. It is always a joy to us when we have wee new babies. We have had a number of them lately, too. Martha Bai is very happy with her baby girl. She was very sad at this time last year when she lost her first baby. We were very sorry for her, but now she is on the mountain top again. It is always so nice to see the difference in our Christian babies and those of non-Christian parents. One little lady made the remark that she would be so glad to get home as she was tired being bathed and kept clean. What would you do in such a case? And in all these cases we have such a good opportunity of witnessing for our Lord and Master. People are listening much better than they did some time ago.

My last call for the day was on our sick baby of the morning. My hopes were dashed when I saw it gasping for breath. We worked on it for some time, but I had to tell the relatives we had done all we possibly could. . . . It passed away later on in the night.

Can you imagine what it would be like to come up from the hospital hot and sticky at 10 p.m. and after a nice bath find a delicious drink of iced orangeade? Miss MacMurchy prepared this refreshing drink before she went off to bed. We send our large thermos bottles to Dohad every second day and get ice. It means much in these hot days.

Now it is time for bed as we get up very early these mornings. In another week we shall all have left Jobat for the hot weather. I think every one of us will be glad to get away as it is unusually hot this year. Some of us are going to the Sunny South, some to Kashmir, the Garden of India, some to the colder North, but all to seek rest and fresh vigour for another season's work in His vineyard.

—*Isabel McConnell.*

News from Manchuria

Canadian Presbyterian Mission,
Szepingkai, Manchuria.

MANCHURIA has been described as an oval plain, surrounded by a ring of flat plateau, which in its turn is surrounded by a ring of mountains. Szepingkai sits in the centre of the southern half of the plain. The name, which is quite appropriate, means ''four level streets''. It has a population of about eighty thousand which has grown up in the last twenty-five years because of the town's situation as an important railway junction. From the main line which runs north and south, a branch line cuts off north-west to join the east-west line that trails off across Siberia to Europe. It is not unlikely that in future years the European trains for China and Japan will be routed this way towards Siberia. A new railway from the east has this year been connected at Szepingkai, bringing in the products of a large coal-mining region.

At present the town's main industries are railway work and grain marketing, but there is prospect of rapid development. This year a coal-distillation plant is under construction at an outlay of a million and a half Manchurian dollars. It is a part of Japan's programme of making herself more independent of foreign products by producing oil from coal. We have recently heard from the contractor who built our new mission houses that two flour mills will also be built this year. Another factor that will greatly contribute to Szepingkai's development is the proposed construction of a huge hydro-electric plant on the Sungari River, some miles to the north-east. It will have a final capacity of one million kilowatts, and Szepingkai is to be one of the four main receiving centres of the power.

In appearance the town is a flat, heterogeneous sort of place, divided by the railway into two areas. To the east is the Chinese section—mud houses and mire streets—which is undergoing slow but steady improvement at the insistence of the scientific Japanese. On the west is the Japanese town—paved streets, more or less western, brick and stucco buildings, good lighting, sanitation, and water, several large, well-planned parks, and building and sanitation regulations that give promise of a reasonably livable town.

We live in the Japanese town, and will shortly move into our newly-built houses that are almost on the edge of the largest park. They are small, comfortable, two-storey buildings, but stand up rather impressively among the uniform single storey of the Japanese abodes. Japanese civilization gives us light, running water, and proper sewage connections.

Language study is still supposed to be our main occupation. Most missions in China recognize two years of full-time effort as the minimum for a new worker before having much responsibility. At the end of a year and a half we are able to understand most of what is said and to express simple ideas with more or less correctness; we can read the New Testament and get the gist of a letter; we can write a few hundred characters; but we still see a long road stretching ahead to the place where Chinese will be an effective means of expression. . . . .

As we are the only missionaries in this station (and just at the moment the only English-speaking people in the town) we have many dealings with the forty Chinese workers in the Szepingkai district under our control. It has been hard on the language study, but has given a most welcome opportunity to see the work at first hand.

Our mission has no schools or hospitals. It is purely evangelistic and mostly of a Salvation Army type, with the emphasis on street preaching and street chapel work. Few of our men have more than a primary school education, supplemented by short-term training in Bible and evangelistic work. Salaries come from the mission, and the support of the churches, which are usually rectangular, flat-roofed mud or grey-brick buildings, comes from the local groups. The congregations, though humble, are enthusiastic and growing.

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Our local Church is self-supporting and very vigorous. It meets in a large, plain upper room of a two-storey building. The congregation runs around a hundred and eighty. Service varies in length from an hour and a half on normal occasions to five hours on Christmas. The pews are backless wooden benches, making worship a feat of physical endurance for an inexperienced foreigner. The men sit on one side of the hall and the women on the other. As the men have seen more of the world than the rather secluded women, the men's side has far less confusion and spitting than the women's. The singing is remarkably good, considering that our tunes are foreign to them and they do not have good leadership, but their progress is somewhat hindered by the principle they all seem to espouse that the less one knows the tune the louder one should sing. The one elder and the three managers take an active part with the pastor in the worship and evangelistic services.

Although the local and district Churches are not perfect one is thankful for the strength and enthusiasm of the members, in which lies the promise of future progress. All through this section of Manchuria there is an increasingly strong witness to the gospel of Christ. May God grant to these people His full and abundant life!

Edward H. Johnson.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD

Theme: **Faithful Stewards**

Hymn 578—Dismiss me not Thy service, Lord,
But train me for Thy will.
Scripture—II. Tim. 2: 15; Rom. 12: 1, 2; I. Cor. 4: 1, 2.
Meditation—Faithful Stewards (Using the article—Be Yourself).
Prayer.
Hymn 570—O use me, Lord, use even me.

BE YOURSELF

''Be Yourself!'' Excellent advice! But even better than to be yourself is to be your *best* self. ''God has given us a great trust, a stewardship, the development of personality and character.'' He has put within us wonderful potentialities. It is for us, as faithful stewards, to bring them out. God wants each of us to work at *being.* He wants us to weigh our motives. He wants us to choose carefully our thoughts, our reading, our friendships. If we let fine potential qualities remain undeveloped, if we fail to build and to discipline, we are unfaithful stewards. Closely related to the verb ''to be'' is the verb ''to do''. Being must find expression in *doing.* Lofty ideals are of little value unless put into action.

What are some activities through which Christian young women can translate being into doing? *Worship* is one. When your heart is full of love for God and gratitude for what He has done and is doing for you, express that love and gratitude in prayer.

Service is another means of expression. If you will look around you, you will see opportunities for service in the Church, the Sabbath School, the Young Women's group. These opportunities are not burdensome duties, if you look at them in the right way. Rather they are means of expression for your personality, ways of using your strength, time, talents for God.

Another activity is *giving.* Giving to God is really a way of worshipping. We put ourselves into the earning of money; we spend our energy in making it. So, when we bring our money to God, we are bringing ourselves in another form. God needs our money to carry on His work in the world, in the Churches and on the mission fields. He offers us a share in a great world programme of health, education, and evangelism. At least a tenth of our money belongs to His work. The Jews, under the law, gave one-tenth to God. We ought not to fall below their standard. It is the tremendous privilege of all of us to have a part in His programme. Have you a share?

Then, too, there is *witnessing.* ''Ye are my witnesses,'' Jesus said. We can witness for Him with Christ-like lives. We can witness by telling those who have not accepted the Saviour of His love and salvation. Witnesses for Christ are needed equally here at home and in foreign lands.

A really Christian life always finds expression in Christian attitudes. The Women's Missionary Society offers a field for that expression. The danger, however, is that, when conditions are not pleasing to them, young people will withdraw from an organization. Instead, young people should make themselves felt. The older women, with the devotion to the traditional, need to be challenged by youth's insistent demand for progress and reality. Young women, on the other hand, need the balance and experience age can give. Each modifies the other.

Young women, stay and make the Society of to-morrow a better one than the Society of to-day; stay where you are and ''be yourself''.

—Adapted from *The Link and Visitor.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR OUT OF DOORS

Leader—Let us give thanks for God's good gifts to us in the wonders of earth and sky.
O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches.

Bible Reading—Psalm 19.

Hymn 140—For the Beauty of the Earth.

Leader—Let us pray: That we may have eyes to see and ears to hear the manifestations of His beauty in the natural world.
That we may be faithful in attending to our religious duties throughout vacation time.

That we may use some part of our leisure for the thoughtful study of Christian truth, and return to our work quickened with new understanding and new desire to serve God.

Hymn 35 in *Songs For Worship*—This is my Father's World.

Leader—

That I might grow to fellowship with these
Green silences, these blue infinities!
Stars move to surer rhythms than my days;
A crumbled skyline sees above the haze
That clouds my vision; any wayside tree
Is competent to teach serenity;
And every garden masters from its start
Those laws of beauty locked against my heart.

The quiet pulse of sun on harvest lands
Mocks at the darting gestures of my hands
To forward that which shall survive the night.
The littleness I hid from all men's sight
Confronts me here among the age-old great,
The timeless ones who dare to dream and wait.
That I might grow to fellowship with these
Green silences, these blue infinities!

Hymn 155 in *Songs For Worship*—Day is Dying in the West.

Benediction.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

THE MAGIC CLOVER

ONCE upon a time, not so very long ago, a little girl lay on the grass. She thought she was looking for four-leaf clovers, but really she was dreaming about the time when she would be grown up and imagining all the things she would do when she was a lady. She thought that she would be a very good and kind lady, she would always be thoughtful and polite, she would do brave and splendid things, and everyone would love her. She saw a large clover and picked it, but found that it had only three leaves. She was disappointed, and, as she idly pulled off one of the leaflets, she sighed, ''Oh, I wish that I was grown up now!''

Suddenly to her surprise, a little fairy dressed all in green appeared before her. ''You have picked the magic clover,'' the fairy said. ''Each time you pull off a leaflet you may wish for anything and it will be granted to you. The wish you made just a moment ago will be fulfilled.''

The little girl had such a peculiar feeling. She knew that she was grown up, for she had a house of her own and little children to look after, yet in some ways she seemed very much the same. Somehow she didn't do the wonderful things she expected she would. She often lost her temper and was cross, and sometimes she was not even polite. She did not do many helpful things and there never seemed to be anything brave for her to attempt. It is because I am so busy, she thought, when I am older I shall have more time.

One day the little girl who was grown up suddenly thought of her magic clover. Once again she pulled off one of the leaflets and once again the clover fairy stood before her. ''What is your wish?'' the fairy asked. ''I wish to be older,'' said the little girl, ''so that I shall have lots of time in which to do the things I want to do.'' The fairy waved her wand and disappeared.

Once again the little girl felt a queer sensation. She knew she was old; her children were married and her home was different. She had lots of time now, but she found that she did not know how to do the things she would like to do, and, worst of all, she was too old to learn. She would often say to her grandchildren, ''My dears, when you are young always try to be kind and loving, be considerate, learn to do useful things, and train yourselves to watch for opportunities of helping others. In childhood you weave the character that you carry with you all your lives, and when you grow older it is very hard to change the pattern.''

The little girl who was now old often wished that she was young again. She knew that if she were she would spend her time in doing instead of just wishing. One day she remembered her magic clover. She pulled off the last leaflet and the fairy stood before her again. ''This is your last wish,'' said the fairy. ''Be very sure that you know what you want, for I cannot come to you again.'' The little girl said, ''I want to be young again just as I was before I found the clover.'' The fairy waved her wand and once again the little girl was a child lying on the grass, looking for four-leaf clovers.

Teeming with God, the kindly sod
Yearns through the summer days
With the mute eloquence of flowers,
Its only means of praise.
At dusk and dawn the tranquil hills
Throb to the song of birds,
And all the dim blue silence thrills
To transport not of words.

—*Bliss Carman.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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THE Alberta delegates to the Enlarged Council Executive meeting were the new President, Mrs. H. Sykes, Edmonton, and the Provincial Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. C. McClenaghan, Lethbridge.

Red Deer P.S.—The visit of Mrs. McLennan and Mrs. Holman brought pleasure and a strengthening of the ties of fellowship to the Auxiliaries of Red Deer and Rocky Mountain House. Visitors from Sylvan Lake and Willowdale were present at Red Deer, among them two Finnish girls from Sylvan Lake who are hoping to train as deaconesses, in order to work among their own people; and at Rocky Mountain House Mrs. Jack, Presbyterial President, and Miss Hazel Macdonald, deaconess, added further interest to the meeting.

Calgary P.S.—During the brief visit of the Council representatives to Calgary the Provincial Board members there arranged a gathering at Mrs. R. S. Gibson's, at which Mrs. McLennan and Mrs. Holman spoke informally of their visits to various points in Alberta. The city ministers and their wives had, at the tea hour, an opportunity of meeting the Toronto ladies. Miss Pelton and the Rev. L. Young, from Japan, were also guests.

At an evening meeting in Grace Church, arranged by Calgary Presbyterial Executive, all five city Auxiliaries were well represented, as well as the Young Women's groups, and interested friends. Five members of Three Hills Auxiliary motored almost eighty miles to attend this meeting and greet the visitors. Mrs. McLennan and Mrs. Holman touched on every phase of the work, and everyone was interested in the changes in the work. The devotions and the music were in charge of the Young Women's groups. Miss Marion Mackay expressed the appreciation of these groups to Miss Pelton, who had been working among them for the past month, and presented her with a bouquet of red rosebuds.

Edmonton P.S.—Miss Lamont was the speaker at the first meeting of the new Provincial Board in Edmonton. She also held a conference with the city Auxiliary Presidents at the home of the Presbyterial President, Mrs. N. B. Moors, and one with the city *Glad Tidings* and Home Helpers Secretaries, convened by Mrs. M. J. Munroe. In addition, she addressed St. Andrew's Auxiliary and the Presbyterial Executive.

First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, has a new group of Young Women, with Miss May Maclennan as President. At their first meeting Miss Lamont brought to them the challenge of work waiting to be done, both at home and overseas, and explained the background of the Society.

From the Peace River country comes news of co-operation and helpfulness shown in Grande Prairie Auxiliary visiting a newly organized group at Flying Shot and conducting their regular meeting, and, at a return visit, the Flying Shot ladies ably conducting the meeting at Grande Prairie. Further initiative was shown by this new Auxiliary's holding a sale of plants, in connection with a tea, just before Mother's Day.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA Presbyterial held a very successful rally, when inspiring addresses were given by Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), on ''Our Share in the World Mission of Christianity'', and by Mrs. J. D. Holman, Young Women's Secretary, on ''Our Work in Canada''.

Two Life Memberships were presented at a meeting of Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary. All members are now Life Members.

Kootenay P.S.—Five Auxiliaries in Kootenay Presbyterial sent delegates to the annual meeting in Creston on April 23rd. The President, Mrs. Dow, stressed the importance of the young people in Church and missionary effort, pleading for the fullest sympathy with and encouragement of them in all their organizations. Reports from the six Auxiliaries were encouraging: five flourishing Mission Bands, two recently formed; two C.G.I.T. groups, showing increased membership and hearty interest in the work; allocations were met. Mrs. McLennan led a most helpful discussion after each report. Mrs. McLennan's visit and her interesting address in the evening were greatly appreciated. The model meetings conducted by the Mission Band and the C.G.I.T. group were highly praised. The social features were a luncheon and a banquet at the homes of two of the members. Miss Magee, a teacher of the district, who leaves in September for India, led the evening devotions and gave a very interesting talk.

Westminster P.S.—At the annual Mission Band rally in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, on March 31st, eighteen Bands were represented. The banner went to St. Andrew's, New Westminster, fourteen out of seventeen contestants making 100 per cent. Others did exceptionally good work, a special prize going to Robertson Mission Band. The special speaker was Rev. Luther Young, missionary to the Koreans in Japan. Others taking part were Rev. John McTurk, Mrs. R. M. Thomson and Mrs. D. A. Fowlie. A sheaf of roses and spring flowers was presented to Mrs. Mary Turner by the Chinese Mission Band in recognition of her interest and help.

At the Easter meeting of Robertson's, Vancouver, Mrs. J. G. Hornall, Sr., was made a Life Member, and at Fairview small Mission Band children repeated the Ten Commandments in unison without a mistake.

Kamloops–Okanagan P.S. — At the Presbyterial meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Armstrong, the President, Mrs. W. A. Wyllie, in her opening address, asked some pertinent questions: Have we increased our membership? Have we met our allocation? Are we all united in the spirit of service? She expressed concern about Young Women's work, saying the Presbyterial seemed to have lost a generation. The delegates were urged to make an increase in this department their objective for the coming year. Departmental reports showed much work carefully done. All were greatly encouraged to know that givings were up. Mrs. McCurrach asked all to remember they were members of struggling congregations that often needed the women's help. The Auxiliaries, being far apart, have not the stimulus of frequent meetings. While there was nothing spectacular to report, all the members were interested and doing good, faithful work. After luncheon Mrs. Wyllie introduced Mrs. J. D. Holman, Young Women's Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Mrs. Holman showed what the W.M.S. was doing both at home and overseas. Changing times, she said, made some work no longer necessary, and that curtailment was not always a backward step. New work was reviewed and new needs were outlined. She explained the Retiring Fund for Missionaries. All went away from the meeting encouraged, feeling that a great deal had been gained by having Mrs. Holman there. We extend our thanks to the Council Executive.

MANITOBA

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Provincial Annual Meeting

THE twenty-third annual meeting of Manitoba Provincial Society was held in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, May 5 and 6, with Mrs. J. S. Flook, in the chair. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and Mrs. J. D. Holman, Young Women's Secretary, were guests.

Devotional services were led by Brandon, Superior, and Winnipeg Presbyterials and Manitoba Synod. Greetings from sister Societies were brought by Mrs. R. O. Taylor, for the Anglicans, Mrs. J. R. McDonald, for the Baptists, and Mrs. Spice, for the United Church women. Mrs. Flook took as the keynote of her address, "God's Presence ever with us."

Reports of all departments were most encouraging. We are sorry space will not permit giving a detailed account of our progress and hopes for advancement. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison gave the dedicatory prayer. Mrs.

W. A. McLennan, in her address, said it was an honour to belong to the company of missionary women which forms the greatest voluntary Society in the world, making the greatest claim on women. Our W.M.S. translates into action the principles taught by the Master, and in it everybody is a shareholder from the Mission Band child to the oldest Auxiliary member. She gave an account of the work entrusted to the Council. Mrs. J. D. Holman gave a vivid account of ''Young Women's Work.''

In a memorial service Mrs. Flook spoke of the passing of our revered missionary, Dr. Jonathan Goforth. First Church Mission Band took part with music, questions and answers. Mrs. Gray, of Brandon Presbyterial, told of their activities; Miss Smellie, Superior, spoke of Miss Lamont's splendid work; Mrs. Dunwoody brought greetings from Winnipeg Presbyterial. Rev. W. Gordon Maclean extended the good wishes of Manitoba Synod for the success of the Women's Missionary Society.

On Wednesday evening two splendid addresses were given by Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Mrs. J. D. Holman. Mrs. McLennan spoke on ''Our Share in the World's Mission of Christianity''. The W.M.S. is a Board of the General Assembly, and aims to supplement the work of the Church. No work is undertaken that is contrary to the policy of the Mission Board; the two Boards co-operate in a great partnership. Mrs. Holman then spoke on our national missions. Mission work to-day is difficult, but we cannot leave our work undone. Christ gave the commission ''Go ye''; the moment we cease to share with others we cease to be Christians.

Mrs. George MacLean presided during the election of officers, and Mrs. W. A. McLennan installed the officers. Her closing words were ''Giving our best and what a wonderful best we may make it.'' Rev. Mr. Eisler pronounced the benediction, bringing to a close our Provincial meeting for 1937, leaving many thoughts that will linger long in our memories.

Superior P.S.—At a meeting of Superior Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, on May 10th, Mrs. J. D. Holman was a guest on her return from the western Provincial meetings. Mrs. Holman gave a résumé of the work being done by our Women's Missionary Society and the many needs for the furtherance of the missionary endeavour.

A special meeting of Superior Presbyterial was held on May 17th in First Church, Port Arthur, to hear the reports of the Manitoba Provincial meeting in Winnipeg. The President, Miss Smellie, brought suggestions for discussion: improvement of Auxiliary programmes, membership cards, and literature; a morning session of the Presbyterial Executive at the next annual meeting; the possible adoption of the Saskatchewan plan to get more delegates to the Provincial meeting, a cent-a-week plan; the matter of budgeting the allocation.

ONTARIO

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LET us pause to pay tribute to one whom God in His all-wise love has called to Himself—Mrs. J. A. Locheed, a former President of Hamilton Presbyterial, a Provincial Vice-President, and for the last four years the beloved Honorary President of Ontario Provincial. Mrs. Locheed will long be remembered for her cheerful and inspiring messages, her kindly, thoughtful, wise decisions, the faithful devoted service she so willingly rendered through this Society. Her last beautiful message just a few days before she was called to the fuller life breathed a prayer for the members of this Provincial.

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At the twenty-third annual meeting of Sarnia Presbyterial, in Petrolia, Mrs. C. H. MacDougall presiding, gratifying reports showed increased givings and membership. The delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Samuel Stokes, 83 years old, a charter member, and for fifty years a member of Petrolia Auxiliary. A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. D. Ritchie, Point Edward, who also installed the officers. Miss Ellen Douglas, Jobat, India, vividly described her work in her field of service. Rev. R. J. Hay brought greetings from Presbytery. Musical numbers were provided by Mrs. Franklin Lindsay and the Petrolia Mission Band.

Following a supper provided by the senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, a 'teen-age group was organized, the "Fireside Fellowship", adopting Miss M. Grigor as their special missionary. The Y.W. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Sarnia, are studying our work in India and have undertaken to support a Bible woman. One member gave money to educate a school girl. St. Andrew's Auxiliary, with members from Point Edward, Paterson Memorial and the St. Andrew's Evening Auxiliary, had Miss Mary E. Anderson of Japan address them at the Easter Thank-offering meeting. The Happy Helpers Mission Band presented the speaker with a gift on behalf of the Senior Auxiliary. When the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Strathroy, celebrated their thirty-fifth anniversary with Miss J. White presiding, Mrs. W. J. Knox, London, founder of Strathroy Auxiliary, was the speaker, and the birthday cake was cut by Miss Margaret McIntyre, one of the first members.

At Chatham Presbyterial annual meeting in Wallaceburg, Miss Ellen Douglas showed lantern slides of her work in India. Mrs. J. G. Inkster brought greetings from the Provincial Board and installed the officers. Owing to flood conditions many Auxiliaries were not represented. Mrs. Wm. Tuckey was elected President. A presentation was made to the retiring President, Mrs. S. M. Ferguson. When Knox Auxiliary, Leamington, at a recent meeting, studied our work among the Indians in Manitoba, a 'teen-age girl, Miss Helen Turnbull, dressed in complete Indian costume with moccasins, head dress, and braids of black hair, recited ''What life in the Indian school has meant to me'', from *Incident and Story.*

A large number attended the Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's, Creemore, at which Mrs. Robertson Millar, Oro Station, was the speaker. Musical numbers by a ladies' quartette, Master Arthur Currie and the Mission Band were pleasing features of the programme. To the Young Women's Auxiliary of First Church, Collingwood, Mrs. Chas. Steinmetz of the Hungarian Mission, Toronto, told a thrilling story of her work among her fellow Hungarians.

Within the last six months the Janet Geggie and the Sloan Auxiliaries of Parkdale Church, Toronto, presented four Honorary Memberships—to Mrs. Peter McEwen, Miss Helen Wilkie, Mrs. George Gall and Miss E. Breckenridge. Mrs. A. B. Rice was presented with an Honorary Membership by Victoria Auxiliary, Toronto, in April.

Mrs. J. L. McKenzie presided at the twenty-third annual meeting of Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial in Knox Church, Walkerton. An increase in givings and subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings* was noted. Rev. Mr. Cleghorn, recently inducted at Hanover, brought greetings from Presbytery; the afternoon speaker was the Right Rev. M. A. Campbell, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly. Mrs. Victor Smith, of the Provincial Board, installed the officers and gave a stirring address describing her nine months' trip across the world of Islam. Music by the choir, a selection by the Mission Band, and the beautiful story of Ruth in drama presented by the young people were greatly appreciated.

When Miss Violet Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary, spent a week-end in Goderich, Huron Presbyterial, a tea was held in her honour at which the girls' work was displayed. The W.M.S. Auxiliary entertained the C.G.I.T. and all the Junior missionary groups at supper, after which Miss Tennant gave an instructive address. On Sunday she spoke to the Sunday School and on Monday she addressed the C.G.I.T. in Seaforth.

Many encouraging reports were presented at the twenty-second annual meeting of Saugeen Presbyterial in Durham—special mention being made of the activities of the Junior Auxiliaries. The Presbyterial was greatly honoured by a visit from the Moderator, the Right Rev. Malcolm Campbell, D.D., whose address on ''The Church'' was most inspiring. Miss Mary E. Anderson, missionary from Japan, spoke on her work among the Koreans. Mrs. Fraser brought greetings from Orangeville Presbyterial and conducted the installation service.

Speaking at the Algoma Presbyterial annual meeting in St. Paul's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's

Missionary Society (W.D.), gave a clearer insight into the work of the Society. She compared the W.M.S. to a great company, of which the members are shareholders. ''Missionary work calls for investments in time, prayer, and money. Dividends in such a company come back, not tenfold, but an hundredfold.'' Miss Gertrude Templeton presided. Rev. A. D. Sutherland led the devotional service, giving a short address on ''Prayer'', from Acts 12:5. Mrs. W. A. McLennan installed the officers.

At a missionary rally of rural Auxiliaries in Woodville, Lindsay P.S., Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Provincial President, spoke on ''Our National Work''. Mrs. Adams, who spent nineteen years in Central China, gave an interesting talk on our work in China and in Toronto.

Kingston Presbyterial annual meeting in Kingston was well attended. Mrs. W. A. Hunter, President, gave a full report of the Provincial meeting. The inspiring addresses of Miss Ellen Douglas, Jobat, India, awakened a deeper sense of individual responsibility. Miss E. L. Mowat, Recording Secretary for twenty-three years, was, on her retirement, presented with an Honorary Membership certificate as a token of love and appreciation for her long and faithful service.

QUEBEC

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The French Canadian Christian Mission

ON May 18, 1937, a special service was held in the French Canadian Christian Mission to mark the first anniversary of the opening of their new home, the former East End Methodist Church, corner of Cartier and de Montigny Streets, Montreal.

The Moderator of the Montreal Presbytery, Rev. W. Harvey-Jellie, D.D., presided and, after the invocation and a hymn, read the Scripture lesson in French and English. The opening prayer was offered by a Salvation Army worker. On the platform were also Rev. Dr. Allan S. Reid, Rev. R. de Pierro, Rev. J. A. Giguère, the head of the Mission, a Salvation Army worker, and Mr. James Mitchell. Eight representatives of the W.M.S. were also present.

Dr. Harvey-Jellie gave a short address in French. Dr. Reid outlined the history of the Mission from its beginning in Sunday afternoon meetings conducted by Mr. Giguère in a dance hall on Montcalm Street, then in a hall on de Bullion Street. These halls proving entirely inadequate to accommodate the large number wishing to attend the Gospel services, the present building was bought, repaired and renovated and the first service held on May 17, 1936.

Mr. Giguère gave an earnest Gospel talk, received with the deepest attention. About three hundred and fifty people were present and the hearty singing showed their earnestness and sincerity. A splendid programme of sacred and patriotic songs in French and English was given by Mrs. and Miss Giguère and Mr. Bourdon, enriched by several selections by the excellent orchestra.

This work is worthy of the heartiest support of all Protestants of every denomination, affording as it does a great opportunity for home mission work as well as being a patriotic duty. An urgent problem is the provision of day schools for the children of these new Protestants.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. R. M. PATERSON, LUSELAND, PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA P.S.—Rev. J. Evans, Indian Head, Moderator of Regina Presbytery, was the speaker at the Thank-offering meeting in First Church, Regina. Taking as his topic ''Why a Thank-offering?'' Mr. Evans pointed out that contrary to general opinion there was much to be thankful for—that in the religious indifference of this critical age, when all life was being driven at such a pace that individuality and even democracy were in danger, it was reassuring to have sane leadership. The speaker drew a further claim for a thank-offering in the privilege of a Christian background, with the honour of belonging to a Women's Missionary Society as workers for the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth. Mrs. James Sinclair also spoke, urging the members to go forward in faith, as had Moses, trusting in God.

Dunkeld Auxiliary reports the death of one of their Home Helpers, Mrs. Alex. Cardiff.

Saskatoon P.S.—Mr. Howard Bigelow, a medical missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo, addressed the Dr. James Robertson Auxiliary, Saskatoon, stressing the need and power of prayer in the work of evangelization.

At St. Andrew's, Saskatoon, Rev. R. Rowat spoke on the responsibilities of W.M.S. members at home and abroad.

In addressing the Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, Mrs. Rowat took as her subject, ''The Christian's Wardrobe'', mentioning several garments which every Christian is advised to secure in the Book of Rules, God's Word. An interesting paper on the work among the Ukrainians in Toronto was also given.

St. Andrew's Mission Band, Saskatoon, celebrated its tenth anniversary in a unique way on March 13th and 14th. On Saturday a birthday tea was held when Mrs. J. B. Young, who organized the Band, cut the cake. On Sunday the Band attended Church in a body and former Band members assisted Rev. W. G. Brown in the service. Mr. Brown based his message on the words, ''Other men laboured, and ye have entered into their labours''.

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May 31st, 1937

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The Enlarged Council Executive

THE Enlarged Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in the Canadian School of Missions, Toronto, May 25th to 28th, 1937. The President, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, was in the chair at all sessions.

To the Council Executive members resident in Toronto were added the six Provincial Presidents, also members of the Council Executive, and one other representative from each Provincial Society: *British Columbia*—Mrs. R. M. Thomson and Miss Jessie Morrice, Vancouver; *Alberta*—Mrs. H. Sykes, Edmonton, and Mrs. C. McClenaghan, Lethbridge; *Saskatchewan*—Mrs. G. D. Ralston and Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, Regina; *Manitoba*—Mrs. A. Evans and Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody, Winnipeg; *Ontario*—Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Toronto, and Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa; *Quebec*—Mrs. J. W. Dougherty and Mrs. W. E. Baker, Montreal. In attendance, too, were the members of the Board of Trustees; Miss W. Ferguson, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home; three missionaries on furlough—Miss Mary E. Anderson, Japan, Miss Ellen Douglas, India, and Miss Isabel Taylor, Formosa; Mrs. Langdon W. Gehman and Miss Helena W. Gibbs, newly appointed to service in Manchuria; Miss L. K. Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary; Miss Violet Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary; and four workers in Canada, Miss Murray, Mrs. C. Steinmetz, Mrs. W. F. Adams, Miss Lily Yeung, Toronto; and Mrs. Donald McGillivray, Shanghai, China. Rev. Philip Beattie, Missionary Education Secretary of the Student Christian Movement and Mr. Wilfred Butcher, of Knox College, were welcome guests on Thursday evening.

A short devotional service was held daily in the chapel before the first business session. These services were led by the Provincial Presidents of Quebec, Ontario, and Alberta, and Miss Ferguson. On Friday afternoon the meeting was fittingly closed with the President's message (given in full in this issue).

While the four days were marked by hard work, there was some opportunity for social intercourse. On Tuesday evening Mrs. A. R. McMurrich very kindly entertained the members of the Enlarged Council Executive at high tea in the beautiful grounds of Gray Gables.

THE CLOSING MESSAGE

By Mrs. W. A. McLennan

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers.

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.
—St. Matthew 4:18-22.

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THEY were fishermen. They had stopped after their day's work, and were mending their nets with a view to further work. Jesus, walking along the shore, saw these men and knew that they were at something that needed to be done, but He said to them, ''Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men''—and they straightway left their nets, and followed Him.

For four days we, too, have been mending our nets. We have looked at the old nets; we have seen weak spots and imperfections. We have tried to suggest new ways. We have talked of this method and that. We, too, have been overhauling our nets. And methinks He pauses here to-day and says the same thing: ''Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men—Follow me and I will teach you how to build my kingdom on earth—Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.''

The fishermen had to have nets; without nets they could not do their work. With what as Christians do we do our work? Is it not *character?* This is the source of our personal influence over others,—just *ourselves,* not our gifts, but our life; not what we have or do or say, but what we *are*—this and nothing else, for it is a Divine power given to us whereby one life is able to help another.

The fishermen's nets had to be strong, pliant, and whole. Like the nets, characters must be strong and sure, if we would help others, must be pliant, must be whole and sincere. As He passes to-day, He says, ''Follow me, and I will give you more strength; follow me, and I will give you sympathy; follow me, and I will make you sincere.''

It may have been that the nets had needed repairing for some time, but they had been so busy fishing they had not attended to them. Is it not often so in Christian work? Is it not true of any work? We may be too busily engaged, too deeply engrossed in details of our service, so that the quality of our work suffers. We forget that He said, ''Come ye apart and rest awhile, and learn of me.'' Is there a danger that we get so busy that we may suffer from spiritual leakage? It is said that when salmon are in the sea a little creature fastens on them and they have to go to rivers where it lives only a few minutes. After a time in the river a leech fastens on their gills and they go to the sea where leeches soon die. Life is necessarily dual—an inner life and an outer. We may not linger too long in the river of communion nor in the ocean of service.

How are we to repair our nets? ''Follow me'', and for impatience, He will give restfulness; for anxiety, trustfulness; for murmuring, thankfulness; for slothfulness, earnestness; for self-confidence, humble dependence. Unless there is utter dependence upon God, all else is of no avail. Our nets, that is we ourselves, always need close watching. If we follow, He will show us our weakness and teach us His secret of abiding strength. In Joel 3:16 we read: The Lord will be the place of repair for His people,—like a harbour of refuge.

We may repair our nets in many ways. Some things were noted at the meetings: in one Provincial they were going to repair their nets by prayer; in another by unity; in another by consecration; in another by going forward. We are all thinking about it, and He has given us one way—''Follow me,''—and I will teach you

Step by step; and day by day,
All the way.
So the pilgrim's soul wins through,
Finds each morn the strength to do
All God asks for me or you.
This obey.

MRS. DONALD McGILLIVRAY

ON Friday morning the women were privileged to have Mrs. Donald McGillivray, of the Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, a pioneer in Christian literature for children, who has spent forty years in China, speak to them. The Christian Literature Society, she explained, was interdenominational and international, members subject to their own Boards but together governed by a Board of Directors. The Presbyterian Church in Canada pays the salary of Rev. Mr. Zia, ''a splendid worker with a fine Christian wife'', and Mrs. McGillivray hoped that some day our Women's Missionary Society might support a Chinese woman worker, and, if so, she could suggest one—a graduate of Shanghai University, who is writing, from the Chinese point of view, a new Life of Christ for women. (The Inter-Board Committee has voted money to publish this book.) The Society is the principal agency for Christian literature in China and has the equipment and staff to do the work. It is progressive, trying to meet every need as it arises. Dr. McGillivray's great ideal, she said, had been to provide literature for the Christian Church. Later came the need for literature for women, and the women's and children's department was started. Until she left China, she had been chairman of the committee to consider publications for women and children. Now, although she was supposed to be retired, she said, she was going back to help in the work in Shanghai.

FINANCES

IN presenting the treasurer's annual statement, Mrs. Strachan referred to the delay in sending in contributions from the Provincial Societies early in the year, although expenses have to be met each month. She stated that until April nothing had been received from the four Western provinces, and Ontario and Quebec had sent in only $9,770, while expenses for the same period amounted to $38,986. She appealed to treasurers of all branches to do more in the first months of the year, not depending too much on what could be raised at the end. She thanked the Provincial Treasurers for their loyal co-operation, which, she knew, would continue when changes were made. In future, estimates would be based on the receipts for the preceding year and be presented to the Council for acceptance.

Receipts were up by $375 and expenses down—but only because pleas had to be unheeded; if the whole $151,000 had been spent, there would have been a deficit. The Society had great cause, she said, to be thankful for its financial position. Even with the reduced estimate, salaries had not been cut and work had been kept going, although not extended. She was confident that what had been taken off would be restored. The Board had tried to keep before the women the needs of the work, keep up the spirits of the workers, and not let them get discouraged. For that praise was due to the officers in every branch of the Society and to the missionaries on the fields. No Society, Mrs. Strachan declared, had a finer band of missionaries at home or abroad; they had shown great loyalty to their Master and, therefore, to the Society. A special tribute, too, was paid the members of the Young Women's Department for their efforts to study missionary problems and for their gifts.

Additional contributions amounting to $1,650 for advance work had been received from friends to whom the need was explained, to replace cars on the foreign field, for a grant to help the Church in the French work in Montreal, for the salary of Pastor Kim in Japan, for a special contribution to the Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, for this Jubilee year, and for Christian literature in Seoul, Korea, in answer to Mr. Bonwick's special appeal and to the demand for literature for our Korean work in Japan. There is nothing, Mrs. Strachan said, that can go everywhere like the printed word, and appeals came for more Christian literature for Canada and other countries. In China the work is being largely done by their own writers and translators. Our Society should contribute a Chinese young woman's salary. The payment of half the salary would entitle us to one representative on their Board, of the whole salary, to two representatives. Then there was the work among non-Anglo-Saxons in Canada. Mrs. Strachan felt that the Church and Society had been at fault for their lack of interest in these new Canadians, many of whom had been driven into Communism by lack of help and sympathetic understanding. The women were urged to realize their responsibility towards these people, who also needed Christian literature. In every field at home and abroad there was work waiting to be done, and in every department room for extension. The Society could be proud to feel that women all over the country had last year made a very honest effort to increase their givings. But there are women who take no responsibility. It should not, however, be taken for granted that they will never give. Something in the work may appeal to them, if the need is presented.

Regarding the interest on the Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries which had been established last year, and the payment of the special allowances, the Treasurer recommended that $400 be put in the estimates and the rest of the interest be left in the Retiring Fund, and gradually the amount needed cut down until all the interest could be left in the fund. More attention should be paid to the gold mite-boxes—the raising of the Retiring Fund is an important part of the Society's work. Other trust funds were in good shape. The Society could not have done what it has in the last ten years without the Legacy Account.

There is to be an innovation in the Training Home, she announced—a woman graduate in Theology, Mrs. Goldwin Smith, at the request of the Training Home Board, is going to give courses of lectures. The Women's Missionary Society was asked to pay part of her salary this year. To the Home where the girls are trained and which is a centre for all young people's work, its regular grant is small. It was unanimously agreed that the Society assume responsibility for $350 of Mrs. Smith's salary. Many tributes were paid to the excellent work Miss Ferguson was doing as Principal for the Church and the Society.

The estimate for 1938 was set at $152,000, including $400 for the Special Retiring Fund and $350 towards Mrs. Goldwin Smith's salary.

In concluding, Mrs. Strachan appealed to the women to go forward in the spirit of the women of older days, to ''fight the good fight'', and follow their Lord wherever He may lead. ''Behold, I have set before thee an open door which none can shut.''

Pension Report

Referring to the Pension report, Mrs. McLennan explained that the Society has representatives on the Church Pension Board to give information regarding our missionaries. Twenty-five workers paid into the fund, and the total rates were $1,403.17.

Trustees

BEFORE presenting the report of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll referred to the death in March of one of its members, Miss Isabella L. George. The Wanham Church property had been transferred to the trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and a lot had been sold at Gonor, Manitoba.

ORGANIZATIONS

Auxiliaries

IN the report of the Senior Auxiliaries, Mrs. Gordon called attention to the loss in membership indicated by reports sent in. It was felt that, in part, the decrease was more apparent than real, due to carelessness in reporting the number of members—some Auxiliaries did not send in the number at all—and to different methods of calculating the membership. Various reasons were given for any decrease in numbers: the increasing number of other organizations, especially in the larger towns, for in some provinces a much larger proportion of the women in the country districts were linked up with the Women's Missionary Society than in the cities, a failure on the part of Church and Society to interpret Christian missions aright, lack of information as to what the Society is doing, the passing of the older women, and the gap left when younger women left the Church in 1925, a gap that is just now being filled. Suggestions for arousing greater interest and thus securing more members included having more study groups, combining the study of the mission fields with a closer study of the Bible, the giving of less time in regular meetings to business, showing that in Christian Missions was to be found the solution of such world problems as that of peace, having a visitor in each elder's district to keep in touch with the women of the congregation. Contact with returned missionaries would mean much—in British Columbia wonderful inspiration had been received from Miss Douglas' visits to all branches. In Alberta the prayer league had meant a great deal in the past year's work. Winnipeg had had a better year; Miss Lamont, Mrs. Dunwoody said, had done a wonderful work there.

Referring to the Field Secretary's report, Mrs. Gordon spoke of the high tributes paid to the very fine work Miss Lamont was doing in the West. There was still, Mrs. Ralston said, a great deal for her to do in Saskatchewan, where they hoped to have a local woman work with her.

Saskatchewan's Travel Fund. Mrs. Ralston told of an experiment in co-operation which had been tried this year in Saskatchewan. Feeling that the work in that province was suffering because many Auxiliaries could not afford to send representatives to Provincial meetings, it was decided to practise the co-operation so much talked of, missionary women in larger places helping those in the smaller ones. Each member was asked to contribute five cents a month to a *travel fund,* it being understood that only those contributing to the fund should benefit. The railway gave them a very good rate—single fare—as the Provincial meeting was to be held in Saskatoon at the time of the Fat Stock Show. As a result, every Auxiliary in Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Moose Jaw Presbyterials sent a representative to the meeting.

Young Women

Mrs. J. D. Holman, Young Women's Secretary, had found the young women taking the missionary commission seriously. Every department except Home Helpers showed an increase, with a marked gain in givings, besides $145 from the June Conference in Toronto for the Retiring Fund for Missionaries. The average giving of the young women, however, was much below that of senior groups. Mrs. Holman thought the former would take their responsibilities more seriously if a definite part of the estimates were set aside for them. She urged that Provincial Societies have separate Secretaries for the Young Women and Girls' Organizations; thus confusion in reports might be avoided. It was time for some change in this department which had been organized seventeen years ago. The results were very evident, and there were great possibilities among the young women. Older young women should be passing into the senior groups, but some arrangement must be made for the business and professional women who are unable to attend afternoon meetings. There was urgent need, too, of another Secretary.

Miss Pelton further emphasized the need for some change if advance was to be made. There is among the young women, she stated, a genuine anxiety to measure up to a Christian life. She suggested several ways in which they might render greater service: the Fellowships might send out to the young women's groups a real challenge in giving; the Fellowships would become much more conscious of the working of Presbyterials, there must be no cleavage; teams might be developed in the Fellowships to go to Auxiliaries with information and inspiration, young women going to young women—in this connection was noted the great influence exerted by two young missionaries, Miss Douglas and Miss Taylor; the Fellowships might be the means of bringing together representatives from the Auxiliaries of the whole province for conference; they aim to develop leaders with more responsibility towards young women themselves. *But* if such advance steps are to be taken more assistance is needed in the department; one Secretary cannot do what must be done. Requests for special studies have to be met. If the young women can be shown that missions have a definite part in solving world problems they are interested. With a larger staff young women in isolated places could be helped through correspondence and periodic visits. The older members of Young Women's groups were a tremendous help to the younger ones. An interesting discussion followed: What had become of the young women who began eighteen years ago? Representatives from different provinces said that provision was made for evening meetings for those who could not attend during the day, and necessary changes should be made to enable all to unite under the Society's motto—The World for Christ. The Young Women's Department should be looked on as the Society of the future.

Girls' Organizations

The Girls' Organizations, Mrs. John Kelman reported, showed an increase in givings and supplies but a decrease in numbers, probably because all girls were not registered with her or Miss Tennant—there were groups all over not accounted for through the W.M.S. Our girls are our responsibility, she said, urging the women to reach out to every Church to link up the girls and interest them in the work of the Church and the Women's Missionary Society. The girls are the future Auxiliary members, and leaders of young women's groups have come from the girls' groups, but too many are not being touched by the women of our Society. Some groups disbanded for lack of leaders. To get enough mature leaders was one of the great problems in girls' work. Referring to criticism of studies, Mrs. Kelman reminded members that for a year there was no Secretary, and Dr. Kannawin's help had been asked with a study book, as it was felt that the girls had not sufficient knowledge of the work of the Church. To arouse interest and give the girls something definite to do, the Council Executive had consented to their supporting the work of Miss Matthews and Miss Macdonald. Miss Tennant had done a good deal of field work in Ontario, to gather leaders in centres and help in any way possible. Mrs. Kelman expressed appreciation of the help given by the National Girls' Work Board through the *Torch* and literature sent out to the groups, and of the co-operation of the Provincial Secretaries. She, too, urged that each province have a Girls' Organizations Secretary.

Miss Violet Tennant, whom Mrs. Kelman introduced, spoke, from the point of view of the Girls' Work Secretary, of the difficulty of getting girls' groups registered. In some Presbyterials she had found live girls' Auxiliaries, of which there was no record, studying missions, but unable to give money. She stressed the need for sympathetic leaders for girls at different ages. Another problem was that of the variety of organizations: the Canadian Girls in Training, the strongest group in the Church, growing because of young leadership; Girls' Guilds; Girls' Auxiliaries; Junior branches of the Young Women; senior Mission Bands; the Christian Endeavour; and Girls' Aids. A programme for 16-year-old girls needed consideration. Each group, she felt, should do some missionary work and learn of the Church and the Society.

Mission Bands

Our greatest asset and our first responsibility, said Mrs. A. R. Riddell, are the children, 11,600 of whom are learning in the Mission Bands to be ''world friends''. Only two more Bands were reported; there should, she felt, be far more. More, indeed, had been organized, but others had disbanded. Miss Lamont had helped greatly in Alberta and Saskatchewan where both Bands and members increased in number and closer co-operation between Auxiliaries and Bands was reported. An Auxiliary might, Mrs. Riddell suggested, occasionally buy a book for the Band and should see that the leader had the study book and the *Glad Tidings.* How often, she asked, do Auxiliaries pray for the Bands and the children. The new Mission Study Book, prepared by Miss Ness and Miss E. MacBeth, was to be ready by August 1st. Attention was called to the clause in the Provincial By-laws requiring the Provincial Secretary to provide literature for each new Band. Ontario has been providing fifty cents' worth of literature for each one; British Columbia is to send out the same amount; in Alberta, study books, etc., were sent to new Bands if it was thought necessary. It was suggested that Mrs. Riddell send out a recommended list of literature that could be bought for a dollar.

Home Helpers

In referring to the report of the Home Helpers Department, which is this year thirty years old, Mrs. James Logie said that some Auxiliaries had no Home Helpers, or did not report them. Mrs. Horne's leaflet, *There is Something I Can Do,* was much appreciated by the Home Helpers. These members were rendering great service by helping in the Supply Department, writing papers for Auxiliaries, opening their homes for meetings, and by their prayers and gifts. One group in Saskatchewan had got into touch with women without Church services and organized them. In Northern Ontario that was being tried, in order to keep in touch with scattered families. During the year 326 Home Helpers had joined Auxiliaries as active members. Mrs. Logie again asked for the quarterly collection of mite-boxes.

STUDENT

SHOWING kindness and hospitality to students was the work of all Church women, Mrs. Calvin said. If a girl is invited to a home, she might be asked to bring a friend the next time, and sometimes small groups could meet in a home. Big parties, she found, were likely to be disappointing. It was a help to the committee when names were sent in before the students came to the town. Lilyan Leung, now a graduate nurse, had just written her examinations on Hospital Administration and hoped later to go to a hospital in China. Pansy Yeung had completed her first year at the University of Toronto and was helping at the Chinese Mission, intending later to go to a girls' camp.

Later Mrs. Calvin introduced to the members of the Enlarged Council Executive Rev. Philip Beattie, the new Missionary Education Secretary of the Student Christian Movement, who expressed the gratitude of the S.C.M. for the very effective support given by the Women's Missionary Society and its Student Secretary, and Mr. Wilfred Butcher, who thanked them for their interest and their assistance, helping to make it possible for him to go to the Edinburgh Conference on Faith and Order, to which he had been invited.

CANDIDATES

MRS. D. INGLIS GRANT, speaking of the work of the Candidates Department, referred to the new workers appointed. Mrs. Langdon Gehman, an experienced teacher and nurse, and Miss Helena Gibbs, a graduate of the Toronto Bible College, both of whom had spent the past year at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, had been appointed to service in Manchuria, Mrs. Gehman as a nurse evangelist and Miss Gibbs as an evangelist. Miss Edith Margaret Magee, a High School teacher of Canyon and Squamish, British Columbia, was asked to go out to the school at Jhansi, India, in the autumn, instead of a year later, because of Miss McKenzie's withdrawal owing to illness at home. Two of this year's graduates from the Training Home, who could not be sent out at once by the Society, asked to be allowed to serve without salary, if possible in pioneer work. Miss Margaret Kennedy had led her class in her first year in the Training Home. There was, Mrs. Grant said, great encouragement in the fact that more and more splendidly equipped young people were seeking straight evangelistic work.

Later Mrs. Grant urged the advisability of all candidates being trained in our own Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, not only because of the training given but also because the women and the candidates can get to know one another. Especially is it a good thing for a candidate to get well acquainted with the Secretary of the field to which she is going.

HISTORIAN

ADDING to her report as Historian, Miss Parsons referred to Miss Ferguson's ten years as Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, ''the friend and counsellor of girls in training'', and to the passing of three women who had been long intimately connected with the work of the Society: Miss George, the first treasurer of the first Mission Band in Toronto Presbyterial, Secretary of Toronto Presbyterial, a member of the W.F.M.S. Board, for many years its Treasurer, and latterly a Trustee of our Society; Mrs. Cameron, of Barrie Presbyterial, and Miss Catherine Campbell, who had served so long in India. Outside of our

Society many events made the year a notable one,—the Moody centenary, the centenary of the Women's Foreign Mission of the Church of Scotland, the Jubilee of its Woman's Guild, and the death of many loyal friends of missions and the retirement of others. It was urged that records of the early history of branches of our Society, of the beginning of work, of the sending out of missionaries, and of important events in each branch should be carefully preserved.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

REFERRING to her first report as Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. Talbot called attention to the wonderful record of the western provinces. She suggested that, if possible, every Auxiliary should present a Junior certificate to a member of the Mission Band, who would then be interested in getting seals and other certificates. This suggestion was heartily endorsed by those who took part in the discussion, Mrs. Kelman asking that it be carried over to the girls as well.

PUBLICATIONS

SOME changes in the working of the Publications Department were suggested by Miss Ness in giving the report of that department: that the ten per cent. discount allowed to Provincial Societies, except Ontario, be withdrawn, as the money was often not needed for postage, and that those asking for books on approval send postage. In answer to requests Miss Ness was going to send out some information about the books. Following a suggestion that pictures of missionaries might be kept, she was getting snap-shots of those who came here, and these pictures would be sold at ten cents each.

Referring to the policy of the Publications Committee, Mrs. Calvin said that only books of an inspirational or missionary nature were being kept in stock. Feeling that the choosing of these wisely presented a serious problem, the Committee had decided to have a circle of readers, outside of the Council Executive, to whom books were sent for consideration and criticism. As a result, three books were being recommended for study books: *Christianity in the Eastern Conflicts, Treasures in the Earth,* and the *Workers' Annual Reports,* on our own mission fields. The latter, it was expected, would be ready early in the fall.

SUPPLIES

MRS. FLETCHER said that there was very little change in the work of the Supply Department. The discussion brought out several interesting points: boys in the Indian Schools very much prefer *blue* overalls of eight or ten-ounce duck; some used clothing sent was worthless; notes should not be put in pockets; Indian parents often give moccasins as Christmas presents, hence, they do not often need to be sent. Again branches were urged to work through the channels provided.

LANTERN SLIDES

EXPENSES in the Lantern Slide Department were low in the past year, Miss Lang explained. The pictures did not come from British Guiana. Rev. Mr. Marshall had offered to write the lecturettes for them. The sets were not used so often, but Miss Douglas used her own in British Columbia. Mr. Reoch had brought new pictures to add to the Manchurian slides and Mrs. Dickson will collect some in Formosa and send the information for them. Some lecturettes will have to be replaced. The lantern slide sets should, Miss Lang said, be a record of the work from the beginning, new slides being added from time to time to keep them up to date.

LIBRARY

THE Library Department, Miss Keith reported, had received more requests for books than ever before. One deaconess had sent a list of eight families, with the age of each child and what individuals wanted. A Secretary had asked for definite work to do, names of individuals to whom magazines and other reading matter could be sent. Two circulating libraries had been started. In the following discussion it was pointed out that sometimes old, torn magazines and books were sent that could be of use or interest to no one. Deaconesses or heads of institutions were thus put to unnecessary trouble and money was wasted.

GLAD TIDINGS

THE enlarging of the *Glad Tidings* by adding four pages had been possible, Miss Mackintosh reported, because of the increase of subscriptions in 1936, for which credit was due to the Secretaries, and other members, who had worked hard to secure more readers for the magazine. It was hoped that this year's falling-off would still be made up. Secretaries were again reminded that subscriptions should be sent through the Presbyterial *Glad Tidings* Secretary, and money orders be made out to the Editor of the *Glad Tidings.*

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Hospitals and Residences

REFERRING to her report on the Hospitals, Mrs. W. W. Carter called attention to the great progress made in the Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, Canora, Saskatchewan, where the number of patients had doubled in four years, and the financial situation was much improved, so that improvements and repairs could be made and another nurse taken on. The great event had been the installation of a water main—the water was turned on just two weeks before. Their success, Mrs. Carter declared, was largely due to Miss Cuddy. The Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville, was doing good work, too, under Miss McPherson, with a new staff of nurses. Mrs. Carter spoke also of the School Residences. Huntingdon had been filled and its pupils had a fine record. Mrs. Gouldthorpe needed a year's leave of absence, but would stay until after the summer conference. In Saskatoon the Residence had thirty-six students, among them a number of University girls, and two Chinese girls. More single rooms had been arranged, so that the girls were more contented. At Vegreville Miss Gibson had been able to return the amount sent for maintenance. At New Liskeard, Mrs. Carter said, Miss Robertson had been carrying on against great odds. Pupils were few, because of an overcrowded school and high fees for outside pupils. The Council Executive had, therefore, decided to close the Residence on June 30th.

Indians

An awakening interest in the Indians in Canada was evident, said Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, referring to her report on the Indian work. No other department of the Society's work was so supervised by others,—Government and school officials. The Government is helping with health work. Among problems to be faced was that of following up the young people leaving the schools—for this a deaconess could do much—and doing more work on the reserves, on some of which there were Church workers. It was difficult to teach the Indian boys and girls giving or the use of money, for they had none. The schools do try, however, to prepare them for life, training them in various ways. There was need, too, for some refresher course for the staffs. This year it looked, she said, as if a dream of years was coming true, with two girls from the Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, considering coming to the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home to train to go back to work among their own people.

Welcome and Welfare

In the Welcome and Welfare Department, Mrs. A. E. Stevens reported, the work among the new Canadians was still in the pioneer stage and its possibilities and needs should be seriously studied. New ways of approach to these newcomers were being planned, she said, through the Advisory Committees, and all Secretaries were urged to look after them. Two workers in this department spoke briefly of their work: Miss Mary Murray, Hospital Visitor, who thanked the women for the help given her in providing baby clothes, quilts, and fruit for women in need; and Mrs. Charles Steinmetz, who expressed their gratitude for the Society's support of the work she and her husband were doing among their own Hungarians in Toronto. Their congregation had secured a site for a church and was getting assistance to build.

Deaconesses

Ten deaconesses, Mrs. W. H. Mitchell stated, were working under the Society in different parts of Canada. An advance had been made in having two nurse deaconesses in the Peace River district. Miss Madill's home near Last Lake was being built, she reported, although it had been delayed until the people could give the labour. Supplies had been sent for it. Miss Evans had been sent to Dixonville in answer to Dr. Strang's appeal for a nurse. Recent months had seen many changes among the deaconesses. To fulfil the promise to send an experienced deaconess to help in Northern Ontario as soon as the Church was ready for her, Miss Macarthur, who had been seven years in Regina, was transferred to Kirkland Lake. She was enthusiastic about the work there. At a communion service two weeks before there were sixty-six communicants, sixty joining the Church. Miss Helen Ross, sent to Regina, was doing good work, while Miss Mabel Booth had already got well started in the work in Saskatoon. The new field in the Macleod district of Southern Alberta, with its mining centres and sugar factories, had been taken over by Miss Frieda Matthews, with Shaughnessy as her headquarters. Miss Hazel Macdonald, who had gone from Winnipeg to Red Deer, was going to make a survey of the northern part of that Presbytery. The Society hoped to be able to help again in Winnipeg, although deaconesses are not intended for settled congregations, rather for districts without ministers or organization, Mrs. Mitchell explained. Miss S. V. Scott had been doing splendid work in New Westminster, and Miss M. Allan in Hamilton. Requests had come for other deaconesses, and so much more could be done if more funds were available for deaconess work. Mrs. Mitchell explained that it was the policy of the Board to have the deaconess work under the direction of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee in conjunction with the Provincial Advisory Committee or a committee appointed for that purpose; and she is responsible only to the Council Executive through the Deaconess Secretary. Mrs. Dunwoody made a strong plea for a deaconess in Winnipeg.

Chinese in Canada

Work among the Chinese in Canada carried on in four cities, Mrs. J. C. Wood reported, is bringing results; the Chinese are responding by their gifts. Mrs. Wood introduced Miss Lily Yeung, who told of her kindergarten and music work in the Chinese Mission, Toronto, where more teachers were needed, she said; and Mrs. W. F. Adams, who is spending four afternoons and one evening a week in work among the Anglo-Chinese, having them for meetings, devotional services, social gatherings with their families, using lantern slides of the mission fields, trying to interest them in good literature and hoping in any way to give them a new outlook and a new outlet for their energies.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

British Guiana

THIRTY-THREE pupils had been enrolled at the Berbice High School, British Guiana, Mrs. Rice reported, eight holding Government scholarships and two with Mission scholarships. Miss Davies visits the homes in New Amsterdam and sees splendid opportunities for missionary work in the country districts, among women on the large plantations, but most of her time is necessarily given to school work. Our best wishes, Mrs. Rice said, went with Rev. de Courcy and Mrs. Rayner for success and happiness in their new work as missionaries of our Church in New Amsterdam, British Guiana. As a nurse, anxious to do public health work, Mrs. Rayner will be able to render valuable service there.

Koreans in Japan

The first Presbyterial meeting of the Koreans in Japan, stated Mrs. N. H. McGillivray, was held in the new Moribe Church. Some groups had about 300 yen for the year (approximately $100), a large sum for such women. The ambition of many groups is to support a Bible woman of their own. Rev. Chi Syun Kim, whose salary our Society is paying, has already rendered great service.

Miss M. E. Anderson was introduced by Mrs. McGillivray and spoke of her work in Japan. She paid a high tribute to Dr. L. L. Young, who had had to return to Canada on account of Mrs. Young's ill-health—''no leader finer or more consecrated''. There were seven missionaries, ten ordained pastors, twenty-five Bible women and ten native evangelists carrying on the work of our Mission among the Koreans in Japan. Churches had increased by an average of five new groups every year, for the most part with small meeting-places. There are, however, some larger Churches; since the opening of these, congregations have doubled. Fourteen congregations own their own Church property. The aim of the missionaries and the Korean workers is to build up a strong, self-supporting native Church. In Nagoya, where Miss Anderson spent two years, a pastor with two Bible women is in charge of 50,000 Koreans, with a Church holding 400 or 500, and five other groups meeting in distant parts of the city. In the large industrial city of Osaka, with 200,000 Koreans, there are two pastors and three Bible women. One of

Miss M. E. Anderson, Japan.

the great difficulties is the great distance to be covered to keep in touch with scattered groups. Miss Anderson spoke highly of the splendid group of Bible women. Almost every Church, she said, asks for a Bible woman. The women meet usually once a week for Bible study, singing of hymns, reading and writing Japanese, and talks on hygiene. The assistant teachers in the kindergartens are supported by the groups themselves. The workers, as well as the Koreans, are very grateful for the Public Health nurse, Miss Soon In Lee, who has recently begun work among them.

South China and Manchuria

In referring to the work in China, Miss M. M. Reid called attention to the fact that Mrs. Burkwall, who had returned from China, had been twenty-five years in Chinese work, first under the Women's Missionary Society in Kong Moon, Canton, Shek Lung and in Montreal, and then since her marriage carrying on work voluntarily in Canton, still reporting regularly to the Secretary. Although Dr. Burkwall has now retired they intend to return to China to continue work there. Manchuria, Miss Reid said, meant Dr. Goforth, that ''Apostle of Manchuria'', tributes to whose life and work came from all sides. The Chinese had sent money home with Mr. Reoch for a tombstone. Our Society was about to send two missionaries to that field, Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs, whom Miss Reid introduced to the members of the Enlarged Council Executive. Both spoke briefly, stating that, conscious of the great responsibility that was theirs, they were, nevertheless, looking forward with enthusiasm to their new work, determined not to disappoint the women who were sending them. Mrs. Gehman hoped to train Chinese girls in nursing to go forth as Christians to help others.

India

Before speaking of the fields in India, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich read a message which had been sent to the King and Queen on the occasion of their Coronation from the Inter-Board Committee of the Woman's Missionary Societies of Canada, representing 315,000 women. ''If the twentieth century Christian Church is able to find its way back to the simplicity of a Christ who said, 'He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, ... set at liberty them that are bruised,' it can be the servant of God to modern India, but only upon that condition. If it can, God will give us an almost limitless ministry; if not, He will give it to those who can . . . The Christian Church is not sitting in judgment on the Indian Mass Movements, but the Indian Mass Movements are sitting in judgment on the Christian Church. Let us put the whole passion of our devotion to Christ into the effort not to fail in that judgment.'' These words from *Christian World Facts* showed, Mrs. McMurrich said, how we must measure up to what is expected of us. India with a population of 353,000,000 has 6,000,000 Christians, and through the mass movements converts are being added to the Christian Churches at the rate of 15,000 a month. How are we to meet the new problems arising on our fields because of these movements?

Twice disappointed in what was hoped would be a permanent appointment to the Principalship of the Helen Macdonald School at Jhansi and realizing the necessity of having a new missionary there for more than six months before Miss Stringer comes on furlough, the Board had asked Miss Magee to go out this year instead of in 1938 on the understanding that every opportunity for special training would be given her during her first furlough. Letters from Jhansi since the beginning of the year had been more encouraging. The new staff, including several graduates of the school, is doing better work. Mr. Moti Lal, a consecrated Indian pastor appointed to the Wilkie Memorial Church, would be a great help in evangelistic work. Our missionaries are looked upon as community leaders and asked to help in Government rural development, exhibitions in child welfare and uplift work.

Dr. Effie Winchester who went out to the Bhil field last autumn was at the Landour language school, the Bhil Council having recommended three months in the hills during the hot weather. Dr. W. R. Quinn, of London, appointed by the General Board of Missions as medical missionary at the Jobat Hospital, expects to go out in the autumn. Three of the W.M.S. workers will come on furlough next year. A matron has been appointed to the Mary Broadbent Training Home, and the Indian nurses and some prospective Bible women are in residence. Mrs. McMurrich announced the generous gift of a refrigerator for the Jobat Hospital from Rev. A. B. Winchester, D.D., and Mrs. Winchester. Mrs. Toombs was the first missionary to occupy the W.M.S. ward in the hospital when her son was born in March. The marriage of the young Rana of Jobat State was the occasion of many festivities in which our missionaries were invited to join.

Miss Ellen Douglas, who has been at home on furlough, was introduced by Mrs. McMurrich. In speaking of the schools with which she had been connected, she paid a high tribute to Miss Robson who had begun the work. The Amkhut school was the first one established, the boys and girls living in separate hostels. The school described by Miss Douglas was very simple, carried on with little expense. There was no school building, but they could meet in the church. When it was cold they sat in the sun; when hot, in the shade. There were no chairs, but the teachers had desks—sometimes babies were kept in them instead of books. The pupils up to the third grade write on slates; the little ones write on the ground. The atmosphere was a friendly one, the teacher being ''Big Sister''. Classes are held from seven in the morning until one; in the afternoon boys cut wood, etc., and girls do other work; in the evenings sixty boys might be seen grouped about three lanterns on the floor, all studying out loud. Now electric light has replaced the lanterns. In 1934 it was decided to have one supervisor of the primary schools and Miss Douglas was appointed. These schools had been begun through the country so that children could remain at home longer. Being in a native state, they had to get their own course of study. After courses from other parts of India and British Columbia had been studied, one was made out in English, then translated into Hindi. As there was only one copy, she had to dictate it to the teachers and give them methods. Uniform examinations were held. Another advance step was charging school fees, according to what people could pay—some paid only two annas (about six cents)—so that they would feel more responsibility. Miss Douglas had planned a teachers' meeting in the corn-eating holidays, when for two weeks they might receive special help and inspiration. Miss Sherrick remained in Amkhut, teaching English and the Bible and supervising the senior teachers there, while Miss Douglas had her headquarters at Jobat, going around to the district schools. At first she went about on horseback, starting very early because of the heat, with her water bottle and lunch on her back, but she was very glad when she could have a car to get to the seven primary schools, two of which met at noon, so that farm work could be done in the morning. Children, parents and friends would gather around her car,—teachers are, she said, first evangelists. She told of spending all day with a teacher and her class, then going with her to visit the homes, Christian and non-Christian, encouraging the people to send the children to school. The Bhils are now *wanting to be taught.* Their greatest need is for more trained leaders, she said. These cannot be brought from other parts of India; they must be Bhils, and have, therefore, to be trained in their own schools. Just as missionaries are the reflection of those at home, Miss Douglas said, the Bhil Christians are the reflection of the missionaries. ''If you are faithful, we will be, and they will be.'' Both Bhils and Canadians were proud to belong to the Women's Missionary Society.

Miss Ellen Douglas, Jobat, India.

Formosa

Wondering what the new day in Formosa would bring forth, Mrs. W. A. J. Martin said, we could hope and pray that it would bring something bigger and brighter than the past. In missionary work the foundation of the Gospel was unchanging, but methods of presenting the Gospel changed, and as Dr. Speer said, ''The main essential in a missionary is a simple-hearted adaptability to the situation in which he finds himself.'' Miss Adams and Miss Burdick had been sent to South Formosa to study the methods of the English Presbyterian Mission for more advanced education of women and children. They were pleased with the kindness shown them, the information given and the offer of co-operation. Then Miss Adams and Miss Douglas spent seven weeks visiting institutions in Korea and in other parts of Japan, and brought back a very fine report on the best methods of presenting the Gospel message to the Oriental mind. Gradually men and women could be trained to carry on a self-supporting and self-governing Church. There were, Mrs. Martin felt, great possibilities especially among the young people, both men and women, who are keenly interested in racial relations, economic justice, and world peace. A great opportunity is before the missionaries to present to them Christian ideals as definitely related to race, war, industry, and give training in Christian fellowship and leadership in national and world affairs. Mrs. Martin recommended the book *Japanese Women Speak.* Miss Chisholm expected to leave early in September, to resume her work in the Mackay Memorial Hospital. In their report Miss Adams and Miss Burdick had urged the need of public health work, of more Christian literature—a section in a newspaper would, they thought, be a good way to reach the people—of a worker among Formosan students in Tokyo, and of bursaries or scholarships to provide for more advanced education for talented Formosan girls.

Miss Isabel Taylor, who recently returned for her first furlough, was introduced by Mrs. Martin and asked to tell of her first term in Formosa. For two years she had studied Chinese and taught music. Then she trained the choir for the Tansui Church. Boys and girls had not sung together before, and the girls were so shy they always kept their heads down. Now they have a choir of Church members, Christian young people from the congregation. She had also a small Sunday School in a little house just outside the town,—the twenty-five pupils had grown to fifty. Later she went to Tokyo to study Japanese. Since returning to Formosa last summer she had charge of the Christian Endeavour and the Sunday School. There are in the school many Christian girls, Miss Taylor said, who need help, advice, and friendship. The evangelistic services conducted by Dr. Sung fired the Formosan Church, she declared, as it had not been for years. He had a marked influence on the girls, who expressed a desire to study the Bible. The missionaries had them come to their house and used the downstairs for music and meetings and a living- and reading-room for the girls. At first not many came to Sunday School, but each Sunday brought more, and sometimes there were fifty girls at Christian Endeavour in the evening. Studying the Bible and learning of Christ they would be witnesses for Christ in the school, where the missionaries could not go. In the Christian Endeavour girls are being trained to take responsibility, and to become leaders. The standard of the Women's School, it was decided, must be raised. First, a department was added with Miss Adams in charge, and this past year a beginning was made with some theological education, kindergarten training and home-making. So many Formosan Christian girls cannot go on to higher schools, and it is hoped to get more of them there. The new girls' work carried on by Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. Dickson had been very successful, with a programme adapted from the C.G.I.T., with a good deal of Bible study, sewing, cooking, etc. There is a great opportunity now, Miss Taylor said, for workers to go into the country and get to know the people and give them the Gospel. The Formosan people, she said in conclusion, do need Jesus Christ and do need missionaries.

Miss Isabel Taylor, Formosa.

INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL

IN so many cases, said Miss MacMurchy in referring to her report as International and Interdenominational Secretary, conditions under which other Societies are working are very similar to ours. New Zealand and Australia have also a pioneer population—in the latter country aeroplanes have been used in inland mission work—and have foreign mission work as we have. They have not had, however, the immigration from Southern and Central Europe, with its language problem. In South Africa work is somewhat different; their foreign mission work is all at home, not overseas, with the serious problem of the relation of the native races to the Europeans there. In Scotland the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Women's Foreign Mission and the fiftieth of the organization of the Woman's Guild are both being celebrated this year, and in the United States the Presbyterian Church of the North is celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the founding of its foreign mission work. In Canada delightful relations are maintained with sister societies, mainly through the Inter-Board Committee, which has brought the several groups closer together. The Day of Prayer service was, Miss MacMurchy said, the greatest bond between missionary women. This year saw a notable advance in the number of meetings and in givings, Saskatchewan having made the greatest advance. The women on the Jhansi field arranged a meeting themselves and sent $9 as their contribution. A Chinese programme was translated from ours. The money given in the Day of Prayer service goes primarily for Christian literature. Last year's cut was restored and special gifts made—$300 extra to Korea for children's books, $100 to Shanghai for the printing of a *Life of Christ* written for women, and a grant for the *Treasure Chest* of Egypt.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Change of Date of Meeting.—Agreed: That the time of the annual or biennial meeting be changed from May to September.

Notice of Motion.—Agreed: That in accordance with legal advice sought as suggested at the last Council meeting the general notice of motion (page 12, 1935 Report) be not given in the future.

Salary of Mrs. Goldwin Smith.—Agreed: That the Women's Missionary Society assume responsibility for $350 toward Mrs. Goldwin Smith's salary as lecturer at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home.

Estimates for 1938.—Agreed: That the estimate for 1938 be $152,000 including the $350 for Mrs. Goldwin Smith and the $400 for the Special Retiring Fund.

Enlarged Leaders' Corner.—Agreed: That two issues of an enlarged Leaders' Corner for Mission Band leaders be authorized for one year, to cost not more than $110, if the Finance Committee can find the money for this and if proper assistance can be secured; and that copies of the Enlarged Leaders' Corner be sent in bundles to the Presbyterial Mission Band Secretaries who would address and forward them to the Mission Band leaders.

Resolutions from Ontario Provincial.—1. "That this Board request that Council Executive communications be sent to Provincial Secretaries for forwarding to Presbyterial Secretaries in turn." It was agreed to adhere to the policy laid down in the constitution.

2. "That we ask that as a matter of education the privilege of attending the business sessions of the Enlarged Council Executive be granted to members of the Ontario Board of Management." Agreed that consideration of this be left until after the discussion on change of representation.

Re **Treasurer's Report Forms.**—Agreed: That the Treasurer's Annual Report Forms for Auxiliaries and other organizations be reissued.

Re **Council Secretaries' Reports.**—Agreed: That in view of the change of date of meeting the question of setting the time for closing the Council Secretaries' reports, so as to bring them up to date, be left to the Council Executive.

Publications Department.—Agreed: That the 10 per cent. discount given by the Publications Department of the W.M.S. to the Literature Secretaries in Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec, Manitoba and

Saskatchewan on books ordered for Provincial, Presbyterial and Sectional meetings be discontinued, and that some satisfactory arrangement be made to cover postage used by these Secretaries in forwarding any books from their depositories.

Agreed: That it be the future policy of the Publications Department to request that postage be included with any order for books or plays to be sent on approval from the Publications Department.

Board of Trustees.—Agreed that Miss Bessie MacMurchy be appointed a member of the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Isabella L. George on March 18, 1937.

Next year's meeting.—Agreed: That the Council meeting in 1938 be held in Toronto.

Transfer of Title to Land at Weirdale.—Agreed: That the Trustees be authorized to sign a transfer of title for the street allowance at Weirdale.

New Business, *re* **Constitution.**—Notice of motion was given: 1. That a yearly meeting of the Council be held in Toronto. 2. That the representation on the Council from Provincial Societies be decided according to the recommendations received from Provincial Societies.

Revision of Constitution, *re* **Young Women's Department.**—Agreed: That the suggested changes in the Young Women's Department be sent down through the Provincials to Presbyterials and Fellowships for discussion and be brought back to the Council next year for decision. Notice of motion was given:

1. That from Article XXVII of the Constitution (page 210, 1935 Annual Report) the words ''or as a Junior Auxiliary'', be deleted, and the article further amended to read: Any group of young women who wish to become a Young Women's Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society should adopt the Auxiliary constitution and report to the Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial.

2. That to Article XXVIII be added the clause: ''They shall report to the Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial'', and the article further amended to read: Any group of young women of the Church may become affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society by taking up regular mission study, and by contributing to the funds or assisting in the work of the Supply Department. They shall report to the Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial.

3. That the present Article XXIX be deleted.

4. That a new article be added, to read as follows: In those Presbyterials where a Y.W.A. Leaders' Fellowship is organized, the President, or her elected substitute, shall be a member of the Fellowship. The President of the Fellowship shall become, automatically, the Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial. She shall be a member of the Presbyterial Executive and report to them the activities of the Young Women's Department. The Fellowship shall be responsible for the young women's work in the Presbyterial and all arrangements for the annual meeting of the Young Women's Department, which shall be held at the time of the annual meeting of the Presbyterial. This new article shall be Article XXIX of the Constitution.

Notice of motion was given that clause XXXVIII of the Constitution (page 212, 1935 Annual Report) be changed, on the advice of our solicitor, to read as follows: This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting of the Council by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice in writing of the proposed alterations having been sent by registered mail by the Council Executive to each Provincial Society at least sixty days before their regular annual meeting.

Agreed: That the proposed re-wording of the Constitution, to clarify the meaning of certain clauses, (other than those changes for which notices of motion are given) be taken back by the Provincials, and if they have any suggestions to make that they be sent down to Mrs. Holman, Convener of the Committee.

Editorial

Recent Appointments

SEVERAL new appointments have been made by the Council Executive to its staff of national workers: Miss Gertrude Rollo, Vancouver, to deaconess work in Brownvale, Alberta, Miss Todd having been granted a year's leave of absence; Miss Gertrude Ione Gordon, Medicine Hat, Alberta, to deaconess work in the Pouce Coupe (B.C.) district, with headquarters at Riverside; Mrs. Marion I. McEwen Laramie, R.R. 5, Clinton, Ontario, to the School Residence in Huntingdon, Quebec, Mrs. Gouldthorpe having a year's leave of absence; Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Tara, Ontario, as teacher in the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ontario; Mr. John Archibald Carmichael, Neepawa, Manitoba, as teacher in the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba; Miss Viola Hill, Lenore, Manitoba, as primary teacher in the same school; Miss Frances Guthrie Lockhart, Birtle, Manitoba, as Girls' Matron and Miss Margaret Robertson, Toronto, formerly Superintendent of the New Liskeard School Residence, as Boys' Matron, in the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba, and Miss Kathleen Stewart, of West Monkton, Ontario, as nurse in the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba.

Mrs. Rice Resigns

IT was with sincere regret that Mrs. A. B. Rice's resignation from the Council Executive was accepted. In her own Auxiliary and, since 1925 on the Council Executive, Mrs. Rice has a long record of faithful service to the Women's Missionary Society. During her years as Lantern Slide Secretary she did much to build up that department. For the past ten years she has been Secretary for British Guiana.

Aid for the Hungarians

REV. CHARLES STEINMETZ appealed to the Council Executive at its meeting of June 15th for assistance in getting a church for his Hungarian congregation. A lot costing $2,500 had been secured on McCaul Street. The people themselves had raised $1,500, and were ready to start work, but the $1,000 mortgage had to be paid before Presbytery would consent to their beginning to build. As there is no Presbyterian Church in that vicinity, it is hoped the new Church may serve not only the Hungarians but others living near, with services in English, as well as in Hungarian for the older people. Glad to help these new Canadians, the Board decided to give $1,000 to wipe off the mortgage.

Hospital at Rocky Mountain House

AFTER careful consideration the Council Executive has decided to erect a hospital at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. A local building committee has been formed to work with the Council Executive, and plans are being considered. Further details will be given later.

Residence Closed

AT the end of July the School Residence at New Liskeard, Ontario, which was opened on August 29th, 1925, was closed. The furnishings were sold and all the supplies sent to other institutions under the Society.

Expenses of Missionaries on Furlough

THE attention of those who are planning meetings is called to the fact that when missionaries on furlough are invited to speak their expenses should be paid,—*all* their expenses (carfare, meals on trains, etc.). These are not paid by the Board, unless it sends missionaries out on deputation work, and it is not right that the missionaries should pay their own expenses, when asked to go to different places. While this refers to missionaries particularly, the same courtesy applies to other speakers.

Letters With Insufficient Postage

WOULD our readers note that postage on letters to Japan, China, and other countries—except France, Spain, countries in North and South America and all parts of the British Empire—is *five* cents, and on post cards *three* cents? Unfortunately, our missionaries receive many letters with three-cent stamps for which they have to pay double postage.

Attention is called to the change in the ''Form of Bequest'' on the back cover of the *Glad Tidings.*

We regret that for lack of space we have had to hold over until next month the account of Mrs. Gauld's seventieth birthday celebration which Rev. Hugh MacMillan kindly sent us.

Esther Hazel Armstrong

IN September, 1933, Esther H. Armstrong came to Toronto from Vancouver to take charge of our W.M.S. work among the Chinese women and children. She had always been interested in this work and her gentle, patient disposition peculiarly fitted her for it. She had many discouragements, but was never daunted and always put the Master she served before all else.

In May Miss Armstrong became ill and after a very gallant fight for life left us on the 29th of June. She will be sorely missed in this work. Her mother, sister, and a much loved friend were with her at the close. She was only twenty-six years of age, but she has been called to the nearer and fuller fellowship of Him whose servant she truly was.

In early childhood God chose her for His work among the Chinese people in British Columbia and her work and influence were so greatly blessed that she was called to Toronto, where she laboured continuously until her illness and death, save for two visits to the West where she ministered to her father, beside whom she now rests.

Miss Esther Armstrong.

On July 1st a service was held in Toronto, conducted by the Rev. J. G. Inkster, D.D., of Knox Church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Mah. Rev. A. Gordon Macpherson, of Riverdale Church, spoke of the Armstrong family, members of his Church in Vancouver when Esther was just a child, and of his pleasure in meeting her again in Toronto carrying on such splendid work. Mr. Mah's tribute was very tender and sincere, and there was a strong and permanent testimony from the whole community of our Chinese friends. Her works truly follow her. It rarely occurs that a life so young and beautiful is privileged to bequeath such a legacy of labours of love and errands of mercy. She remains with us now only as a memory, but at the resurrection the extent of her influence will be fully known. The fruits of her life will abide and be, as was her life, a benediction. Many members of the Council Executive attended this service and the floral tributes were very beautiful.

The funeral service was held in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, on July 6th. Rev. Mr. Fowler presided and Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of the Chinese work in Canada for our Church, preached the sermon. Six young men, including a Chinese boy, were bearers, and the service was very impressive and dignified. It was a very representative gathering and many members of the Women's Missionary Society were present.

The following tribute is quoted from Mr. Smith's address, than which nothing could be finer or more comforting to those ''who have loved, and lost awhile''.—M.E.B.W.

''We have met in this house to-day to do special honour to the memory of one who, despite her short sojourn, worked her way into the hearts of so many. I think I knew Esther Armstrong well enough to know that she would be the last to wish from me, or anyone, high-sounding words of praise. It was never her nature to court it. She was too retiring for that. Quiet and unassuming she went about her work. Indeed, it was this very side of her life that first gave her entrance to the hearts of the Chinese people among whom she laboured. There was no pose. Sincere and unaffected, thus shall she be remembered both by Canadians and Chinese.

''Before her appointment in August, 1933, she had shown, as a voluntary worker in our Chinese Mission in Vancouver, her love for the Chinese people and her desire to serve her Master wherever she could be of use to Him. To that end she set herself to study the Chinese language. She had a fine understanding of people, which brought her through many difficulties. She especially endeared herself to the younger Chinese women and girls. These will sincerely miss her. As Rev. Ma Woh, who took part in the service held in Toronto last Thursday, so splendidly put it, when he reminded his hearers that though David Livingstone was buried in England his heart was in Africa, so, though Esther Armstrong is to-day being laid here, her heart is among the Chinese people in Toronto.

''Our hearts go out to Mrs. Armstrong, the mother, and to Helen, the sister. We do most prayerfully commend them, and all of us, to the only source of strength at such a time, even God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.''

Comes the Autumn

Clothed in splendour, beautifully sad and silent,
Comes the autumn over the woods and highlands,
Golden, rose-red, full of divine remembrance,
　　Full of foreboding.
Soon the maples, soon will the glowing birches,
Stripped of all that summer and love had dowered them,
Dream, sad-limbed, beholding their pomp and treasure
　　Ruthlessly scattered.
Yet they quail not; winter, with wind and iron,
Comes and finds them silent and uncomplaining,
Finds them tameless, beautiful still and gracious,
　　Gravely enduring.

—*Archibald Lampman.*

Presbyterian Missionary Women of the World

IN Montreal, June 23rd to 30th, about 200 delegates representing over ten million Presbyterians met for the 15th quadrennial council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system to confer on the general theme ''The Church in the Modern World.'' As the Alliance Council met in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, in the nearby Erskine American Church on June 23rd and 24th women met in the 11th quadrennial conference of the International Union of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. The meeting of the Union was presided over by Miss Bessie MacMurchy of our own Society, with Miss Margaret Hodge, of New York, as Vice-President, and Mrs. D. M. Hamilton, of Redhill, Surrey, England, Secretary. In all, 240 registered: sixteen from overseas, sixty-six from the United States and Canada, and many from Montreal and vicinity. Much of the credit for the smooth working of the meeting was due to the Montreal committee who spared no effort to ensure to the visitors every comfort and convenience.

Following the devotional service led by Mrs. Meredith, President of the Woman's Guild of the Church of Scotland, Miss MacMurchy welcomed the delegates to Montreal and to Canada, where Presbyterianism is linked not only to the Scottish Churches but to those in Ireland, France, Holland, and other European countries, and spoke of notable events since the Union met in Belfast in 1933, anniversaries being celebrated by many groups. The ordination of women to the ministry was still a question before the Church, but Miss MacMurchy referred to two women recently ordained by the United Church of Canada, and Rev. Edith S. Martin, M.Sc., B.D., of Balbeggie, Perth, was present as a delegate from the United Free Church of Scotland. In a confused world Christians must take their stand clearly for Christ and work for the brotherhood of man, preaching peace as part of the Gospel message. The missionary enterprise never had greater opportunities than to-day. Referring to the widespread observance of the World Day of prayer, Miss MacMurchy commended it to all in the World Union of missionary women, and appealed to all ''to rededicate themselves to do God's will and pray and plan for an outpouring of Christian life.''

In spite of great national and international anxiety in the four years since the last meeting, a new attitude of mind was evident, declared Mrs. Hamilton in her Secretary's report, and the women could give thanks for new avenues of service amid changing conditions, some of which were the result of missionary work, such as the position of women in the new India and the new problem in China of the relation between the missionary and the native Church. She referred to two new methods of work, Christian journalism and broadcasting, both effective when wisely used, and to the varied and ingenious ways of raising money. ''A chain of intercession throughout the world'' bound together the women in all lands.

Reports of the International correspondents were given and greetings brought by Madame Haitjema, of Groningen, Holland, from the Dutch Reformed Church of the Netherlands, and Madame Krenek, of Prague, Czechoslovakia, from the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, one of the oldest Reformed Churches in Europe. With 100,000 members, they are, Madame Krenek said, in great need of churches, but are giving great attention to education and the training of the young, and have now a foreign missionary in Africa.

One session was devoted to Home Missions, especially pioneer work. Mrs. Morton Muir, of Durban, told of what was being done among the native and coloured peoples in South Africa and Rhodesia where they have not only pioneering conditions, but the further problem of race and colour. There are 137 European branches of their Society, and many native and coloured branches. It was encouraging to note that the feeling of separation between Europeans and natives was gradually passing. Telegrams of greetings from Indian schools and congregations were read by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, who spoke of the missionary work among the Indians in Canada. Government and Church co-operate in caring for and educating them in residential and day schools. In schools and on reserves progress is encouraging, but advance should be made; much is left undone, for lack of money. Mrs. C. M. Loveys, Home Mission Executive Secretary of the W.M.S. of the United Church, spoke of what was being done to help solve the great problem of building up a nation of people of many races and many languages in this country with its vast sparsely settled areas and its congested city districts.

In her address on ''The Place of Missions in China'' Dr. Jessie MacBean spoke of the conditions that have made modern China, especially of what one Christian of wide vision, Sun Yat Sen, had done for his country. The China emerging, she said, could not have developed without a break with the past. Now there is in China a more definite national consciousness than ever before and there is military preparation, educational preparation—the Government offering a modern education in all provinces—and political preparation, with a fine body of men, many of them Christian, under Chiang Kai Shek, ready to lead their country. But Nationalism, she declared, will never save China, unless Christianity saves Nationalism. For centuries Christianity has been at the centre of the movement out of which comes modern China. Outstanding Christian women leaders have had a great influence. No country can be great until its women are elevated; but a new day has dawned for China; its women are being educated and taking their place in the national life. China has a hundred radio stations, three of them under Christian auspices. Doors are wide open for the preaching of Christian truth. The New Life Movement is promoting greater cleanliness, better sanitation, more orderly ways, and the Christian Church is stressing the fact that for true life one must look to Christ. ''China has done wonderful things, but the people still need help. They want to be co-workers with us to bring China to Christ.''

The changeless East is not only changing, but, in some respects, has already changed, said Miss Florence Clearihue, of Kharua, India, a missionary of the United Church Women's Missionary Society. With the study of rural reconstruction, to which Lord Linlithgow has given an impetus, of municipal affairs, public health, caste, marriage conditions, temperance, and with knowledge spread by the press, the radio, and demonstration trains, age-old customs are giving way, even in the villages where ninety per cent. of the people live. All the new things touch the lives of the women. There are now five or six million women voters, and forty were elected to the Provincial legislatures. There is a new attitude towards the education of girls, in which Christian schools led the way. Diplomas in physical education have been won,—''in this land where it was considered ungraceful for a woman to move quickly.'' Training for teaching is popular, while medical education for women is increasing notably, about 600 young women studying in medical schools. In the Christian Church women hold an important place. The great barrier to progress, however, is illiteracy, especially among the women. The woman of India who must be considered, Miss Clearihue said, is the woman of the village, of the mud hut, who is married as a child, for whom no medical help is available.

Miss Gertrude Schultz, New York, of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Mission Boards of the United States and Canada, told of new trends in mission fields. Government officials in China say they cannot do without mission hospitals because they have the confidence of the people, because of the Christian influence, and because the Government is not yet ready to take over the work. There is a new trend toward *uniting* in the work, planning, pooling resources, not overlapping, lending doctors and nurses, if needed, regardless of the Church doing the work. The Government of Iran cabled that it would erect buildings, if Mission Boards would give nurses and doctors for three nursing schools,—a chance to bring the spirit of Christ and Christian teaching to that people. We must go forward together to meet new conditions. The trend is toward the Government taking over education, but protests come. From China came an appeal for closer co-operation, especially to reach the women and girls through the New Life Movement. Missionary leaders visiting the Orient recently were appealed to in every country for more missionaries. ''It is going to mean adventuring, pioneering, an era of greater advance, an era of breaking down racial barriers and denominational differences.''

Rev. W. H. Hamilton, Secretary of the Alliance Council, came to tell the women of the Union of the present situation of the European Churches. All was not dark, he said. France has economic and political troubles, but the French Protestant Churches have the greatest foreign mission project in the world in proportion to their numbers, and the uniting of the three branches of the Church was a great advance. Their influence is out of all proportion to their numbers; they are the very backbone of the country. Holland is, he said, a doughty, honest Protestant country, with two Presbyterian groups. The Netherlands is a great stronghold of the faith. In Belgium the situation is not so happy, with a very small community of Protestants; but they still cling to their foreign mission enterprise. The Evangelical Church in Greece is very small, but is bravely working, inducing the Greek Orthodox Church to imitate its methods. In a wave of evangelical revival passing over Europe, more amazing things were happening, Mr. Hamilton declared, than anything recorded in *Acts.* In Austria in the past two years, thousands have come out of incredible ignorance of the Scriptures to plead with Protestant pastors for instruction in spiritual things. The pastors have to take them in relays from morning till evening. They suffered because it was wrongly thought the movement had a political trend, but it was born out of a sense of need and a longing for instruction. Mr. Hamilton had laid the corner-stone of a new church in West Vienna last September, the money for it coming from Switzerland, Scotland, and other countries. In Spain liberty of conscience was declared; then with the withdrawal of American aid in the depression, the mission was jeopardized, and war has produced chaos. If the Government is victorious, it is hoped its tolerance of Evangelical religion may continue. The Alliance has taken all steps to plead for religious liberty. The utmost poverty seen in Scotland would seem affluence, he said, compared with the poverty in Galicia and Ruthenia, where people walked two days and a night to attend the service when the new superintendent arrived—a service that began at 8.30 and ended at 3.10, with a second from 5 to 9. It was out of such a movement that the Christian Church began. The Spirit of God is at work. There is an embarrassment of opportunities without the means to cope with them. ''Doors are open, but they may close again; perhaps they have closed in Spain.'' In Czechoslovakia the Church has grown mightily—a hundred new churches have been built in fourteen years, against almost incredible odds. In Italy the Waldensians have had liberty of conscience, but their position is very precarious, depending on the will of Mussolini.

In the Balkan States there have been exasperating examples of cruelty and tyranny to the Protestants, many formerly Hungarians. In Transylvania money has almost ceased to have value—a minister's salary is from $50 to $100—but the Church has sent its first foreign missionary to China. A Protestant said: ''We must forever trust in God''. In Germany the situation is changing from day to day. The union of thirty denominations was decreed, and it had taken thirty years in Scotland to unite two. There was to be no allegiance beyond that of the State. No one can tell the future, but they are of the spirit that does not give in. In Russia the cause seems lost, but perhaps not. No person under eighteen may be taught religion. There are no pastors and no buildings. It is trusted that some will be ready when the door opens, as open it will, he declared, for who that knows Russian literature can doubt the Russian soul? ''Youth are being educated for the first time—and once teach them to think and one can as soon abolish science as abolish religion.''

In her closing message on ''Witnessing for Christ'' Mrs. R. C. Gillie, J.P., of Bath, England, appealed to all to show definite Christian standards in their lives so that others may recognize them as such.

Great satisfaction was felt when the Council of the Alliance adopted a resolution recognizing the International Union as the official women's organization of the Alliance, the constituent Churches, through their supreme courts, to appoint a number of representative women as corresponding members of the Council, with liberty to speak but not to vote, unless in the Council itself as ministers or elders. The delegation, consisting of Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Toronto, President, Miss Margaret E. Hodge, New York, Vice-President, and Mrs. D. M. Hamilton, of Redhill, Surrey, England, Secretary, was most cordially received at the Alliance meeting. Later the Council set the number of women corresponding members at sixty, one from each of the constituent Churches, with additional representatives according to the number of congregations in those Churches. Besides, the president, vice-president, and secretary of the Union will be *ex-officio* members. Thus the International Union will meet in 1941 in Geneva under the presidency of Mrs. Adolf Keller as an official organization of the Alliance.

On Thursday evening, after the close of the women's meeting, both men and women had the privilege of hearing Lord Tweedsmuir's masterly address to the Alliance. Not as the Governor-General of Canada, he said, but as a fellow Presbyterian, the son of a Presbyterian minister and for twenty-five years an elder of the Church of Scotland, and twice Lord High Commissioner, Lord Tweedsmuir spoke of the Presbyterianism of the past, its weakness and its strength, of the power of Christianity in the world to-day, and of the greater part the Presbyterian Church may play in the future. A simpler, intenser evangel is needed, he asserted, a new and wiser moral discipline to withstand the present anarchy, a quickened sense of sin, a profounder realization of the majesty and purity of God. ''I cannot but feel,'' he said, ''that the chaos in the world in recent years is bringing about this revival.'' He further emphasized the duty of those who have visions of a higher life not to stand aloof but to take their part in national affairs. As the Gospel of Christ is a Gospel of freedom, ''it is the Church's duty to testify at all times against anything that will cramp and confine the human spirit.''

By a standing vote the Alliance Council deplored and protested ''the grievous restraints laid in our time upon the life and liberty of suffering communions within the Church of Christ in various lands, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, or Protestant.'' Later a message was sent to the German Church and one to the German Government concerning the position of Protestant and Evangelical religions in Germany. Among the last official acts of the Council was the sending of messages of sympathy and affection to the Manchurian Churches in their difficult conditions.

The Rev. Robert Laird, D.D., Toronto, was elected president of the Council of the Alliance, the Rev. George Donald, D.D., Montreal, vice-president for the western section and the Rev. Professor Adolf Keller, D.D., Geneva, vice-president for the eastern section.

(Quoted by Miss MacMurchy at the close of her address in Montreal)

I bind my heart this tide
To the Galilean's side,
To the wounds of Calvary,
To the Christ who died for me.

I bind my soul this day
To the brother far away,
To the brother near at hand,
In this town and in this land.

I bind my heart in thrall
To the God, the Lord of all,
To the God, the poor man's friend
And the Christ whom He did send.

I bind myself to peace
To make strife and envy cease.
God, knit Thou sure the cord
Of my thralldom to my Lord.

—*Lauchlan Maclean Watt.*

Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, we would open our hearts to the sunshine of Thy love. In the blessed name of Thy dear Son we are encouraged to come to Thee who art of purer eye than to behold iniquity, and to beseech Thee to blot out our transgressions and to remove our iniquities far from us. Cleanse us, we pray Thee, from sin and all unrighteousness, and grant that Thy Holy Spirit may possess our souls. O Sun of Righteousness, shine into our hearts and bring forth all sweet and pleasant things, such budding desires as shall please Thee, such fragrant love and gladness, such joy in Thy service as shall make us acceptable in Thy sight.

In Thy good providence we have come to the fruit-yielding days of autumn with our physical strength renewed. May we each one take up our work in our beloved Women's Missionary Society eagerly, joyously, remembering that we are co-workers with Thee in all efforts to bring in the day when Thy Kingdom shall come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

We bring before Thee in prayer those who cannot pray for themselves, because they know Thee not. We pray for those sitting in darkness upon whom the light has not yet dawned. We remember the lands which have no Sabbath, where the messenger of life and peace has not yet come, and we pray for them. Especially would we remember in our prayers the missionaries whose work is known to us and to whose aid we stand pledged. May the example of their faithfulness and courage make us more ready to help, more glad to give. And unto Thee shall be the glory. Amen.

Study Books

By Margaret Ness

Christianity in the Eastern Conflicts, by William Paton, (75c.). This is the book suggested for those groups who wish to make a serious study of missionary problems of the present day. Here is a review from an English College President, J. S. Whale: ''It is an up-to-date, authoritative, and most moving account of the church militant in the modern world of Japan, China, India, and the near East. I am not sure that it is not the most convincing apologia for the missionary enterprise of the Church that I have ever read. For Mr. Paton writes as a theologian as well as a statesman; he so relates the Faith to urgent and momentous world issues that his book is a tract for the times, informing, disturbing, and challenging.''

Treasures in the Earth, by Hamlin, (50c.). This is an easier book, suggested for groups who might wish to read it aloud. One of our Reading Circle says: ''The stories serve to interpret different types of missionary work, to give some interesting facts concerning foreign countries and their peoples, while, at the same time, keeping in the foreground the Christian ideal underlying the activities described.''

Mimeographed suggestions for the use of the study books and a book list will be sent out with each study book.

A third book that could be used at meetings is **Gleanings from Home and Overseas Reports, 1936**, (25c.). As the individual reports from our overseas mission fields and from our W.M.S. workers at home have to be greatly condensed by the Council Executive Secretaries before being printed in the Annual Report, these ''gleanings'' contain much of interest that had to be omitted in the shortened form.

God's Children, (30c.), is the new 1937 Mission Band story book. There are ten stories, along with a worship service and notes and handwork or play. A list of Mission Band material will be enclosed with each book, as well as a separate coloured picture, ''Hope of the World''.

Since 1761, by Dr. Kannawin, (35c.), is still the study book for Girls' Groups.

Provincial Literature Secretaries

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YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

A LETTER FROM THE TRAVELLING SECRETARY

Dear Young Women:

SEPTEMBER again! And now after heat and holidays we are thinking of another year's work. To think of another year's work is to give some thought to plans for our year's missionary study, and it is of study and charts that your Secretary wishes to write a few lines.

Our plan for the charts is to ''feature'' a Study each year. Last year India was the ''feature'' with two charts, Number One and Two.

Both these charts are available again this year with a new book on the Indian Outcaste added. To the groups who studied Number One last year and who are still keen about further information on India we suggest going on and taking Chart Two. For those groups who have recently organized and have studied our work in Canada we recommend particularly Chart Number One on India. The price of the chart last year was $1.60. This year the book *The Untouchables' Quest* by Godfrey Phillips will be added, bringing the cost of the chart up to $1.95. The charts on Canada and China are still on hand (with slight revision of the one on Canada) at a cost of 75 cents, approximately (not more), and $2.60 respectively.

The new chart this year is entitled *Other Forces as Rivals of Christian Missions.* This study may not be considered a particularly easy one, yet we hope that those who take it will not find it terrifyingly difficult. The study deals with the two rival trends in society to-day: a narrow nationalism and communism. We have selected books for the chart after reading and studying about thirty dealing with these two trends from many and varied points of view. One of the books selected should be of particular interest to Presbyterian young women; it is *Calvinism and Social Problems.* It is new, highly recommended, exceedingly readable, not at all heavy, and lends itself admirably to such a study. The study is arranged in eight themes. The groups will use their own judgment as to whether this chart is made a one-year or two-year study. Your Secretary would urge, however you do it, that you study Part One in four themes, with the minimum of interruption, taking it in four consecutive meetings, if possible. Part One deals with the ''rival forces''. Part Two is an attempt to show how Christian Missions outrival their rivals, and, after all, in giving Christ to the nations give ALL. The main book for Part Two is a new book also, *Beyond Statistics,* very easy and interesting reading.

To those groups who are not willing to pay the price of study and effort, who are not keen to know something of communism and the various nationalisms that are threatening civilization, and who are not anxious as to whether Christian Missions remain a COMMAND for the Christian in the light of world conditions to-day we would say, Do not bother with this chart. But the young women in our Society who are not afraid of effort, who will use their minds, and who are living in a vital relationship with God, we ask to try this study of ''Rival Forces'' and examine Christian Missions in relation to them.

We cannot give the exact cost of the chart material at the time this goes to press, but it will be approximately $3.25. It is more expensive than the other charts, owing to the more expensive type of book necessarily used; but considered in the light of a one- or two-year study and as the total expense in connection with such a study, it is not unreasonable.

With all good wishes for another year,

—*Laura K. Pelton.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

ONLY yesterday, it seems, we were looking forward to holidays and camps. Now the holidays are over, the last tent has been struck and we are left with memories of our summer. What impression has remained with you from your holiday? The silver trail of the moon over some lake, the glory of the setting sun as day departed, or perhaps the slow dispelling of the darkness as the sun rose in beauty on the quiet scene in which your holiday was spent? Perhaps your memory is of new-found friends, of reunion with former camp-mates, or a new slant on life which came from the discussions which you had. Whatever your outstanding impressions may be, I trust that the summer has left nothing but pleasant memories, together with a clearer view of the deeper meaning of life and a desire to devote your life to the service of our Master who alone is the way of life.

One of the not so pleasant things about a new season of work is that we must say good-bye to many of our members who will now take their places in our Young Women's groups. I sincerely hope that many of them will find work as leaders of groups of girls. Thank you, girls, for all you have done in the years gone by. If you have derived any benefit from your association with C.G.I.T., pass it on. We will welcome many newcomers and trust that they will find help in a crucial time of their lives.

A word about the coming session. You are remembering, I hope, our own special missionaries, Miss Frieda Matthews, at Shaughnessy, and Miss Hazel Macdonald, at Red Deer, Alberta. Here is a part of the missionary work of our Church which we have been given to care for. We are in touch with adventure, and as we learn of this work may we find that the pioneers of to-day live just as thrilling lives as those of a century ago.

Speaking of pioneers, is your group using our Study Book, *Since 1761*? Here is a book which tells, simply and graphically, the story of our Church in Canada. We cannot know too much of the history of our Church, especially in our own land—the struggles of the settlers, their endeavours to conquer the new land, their triumphs over great difficulties and, above all, their simple faith in God and their determination that whatever happened to them, there should be a temple to the living God erected wherever they might be. I would urge all groups to study closely the story of our Church.

In closing, may I wish for you all, in addition to many happy memories of the summer, a very successful season of work in the days that lie ahead.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

COLOUR

A Story of the Races of Men

The fire was burning brightly. It sent long, dancing shadows in among the tall pine trees. It lighted up the tepee not far off.

It shone upon the ruddy face of the Indian chief, as he bent above the arrows he was feathering.

It shone on the face of the boy beside him, his fine, eager eyes intent on the father's busy hands.

''What are you thinking of, my son?'' asked the chief, after a long silence.

''Those pale faces to-day,'' the boy answered slowly. ''I did not know, my father, that there were men whose skin was a different colour from ours.''

The old chief grunted, as he laid aside one finished arrow and reached for another.

''There are many things, my son, that you will learn as the years go by,'' he said. ''See now, what colours can you find here in these feathers?''

The boy touched the little heap of feathers with strong, slim fingers.

''There are feathers of all colours,'' he answered thoughtfully, ''just as there are birds of every hue. Here are red, and blue, and white, and yellow . . .''

There was a silence for a long moment. Then the old Indian spoke again.

''And is it not the same with flowers?'' he asked. ''Are there not flowers of all colours here in these woods?''

The boy nodded. ''And then, there are the rabbits!'' he exclaimed suddenly. ''There are brown rabbits, and black rabbits, and white ones! I had never thought of it before.''

''As it is with the birds, and with the flowers, and with the rabbits, so it is with men.'' The chief stared into the fire. ''In this land where once were only red men, now are others. There are men with white skins, and men with yellow skins—and some with brown, and some with black. But we are all men. The Great Spirit made us all.''

The boy was growing sleepy. He stretched out beside the fire, his head pillowed on his arms.

''It would be a strange world if there were not many colours; I should not like it half so well,'' he murmured.

''All the ways of the Great Spirit are wise and good, my son.'' The chief gathered his things together and stood up. He looked from the boy beside the fire to the tall, dark pine trees, and up to the starry, peaceful sky. ''He who planned the glowing colours of the birds, the varied tints of the flowers, planned also the different coloured skins of men! His ways are wise and good.''

The wind stirred among the pine branches; the fire crackled and sputtered. Far away, a night owl hooted. But the Indian boy slept.

—*Florence M. Taylor. From The Pilgrim Elementary Teacher,*
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PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. C. E. JAMIESON, 1510, 12TH AVE., W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

MACLEOD P.S.—In June, Mrs. C. McClenaghan, a delegate to the Enlarged Council Executive meeting, gave an excellent account of the sessions to the Lethbridge Auxiliary. She had mounted several pictures of the workers and their stations, which added greatly to the interest of the report. Her closing sentence was —''Our W.M.S. has a wonderful body of women leading us in this important part of our Church's work.'' To augment their funds, this Auxiliary held a tea and pantry sale recently.

Shaughnessy Auxiliary reports a lively interest in the work and study of the W.M.S. The members are making a quilt to aid in the work. They want it made known what a blessing Miss Matthews, deaconess, is to their district, and also how much they appreciate what Miss Lamont has done in organizing their Society.

Edmonton P.S.—A rally of the Auxiliaries of Vegreville, Killam and Ranfurly was held at Ranfurly, with Mrs. Tait, of Ranfurly, presiding. An address by Miss Lamont covering many phases of the work and a discussion on methods of gaining members and raising funds in an Associate Society were the special features of the gathering.

At the sectional meeting at Earlie, eight points were represented. Mr. L. G. Collins, missionary at Vermilion, spoke on Prayer; Mr. Lawson Mills, missionary at Chauvin, on Stewardship; Miss Ruby Walker, missionary on the Earlie field, on Home Mission work; Miss Lamont, on W.M.S. work, and the Rev. Mr. Walker, Lloydminster, on Sunday School and Young People's work. Good congregational singing of hymns also marked this rally. A committee was appointed to arrange for a similar gathering next year.

Red Deer P.S.—The spring meeting of the Presbyterial Executive was held at Red Deer, with 20 members present. Secretaries' reports were encouraging, showing work begun by Miss Lamont last fall growing rapidly. A Mission Band Library is to be started, from which leaders may secure books on their work. The Girls' Camp is again being held at Sylvan Lake, and afterwards a Vacation Bible School.

Rocky Mountain Memorial Church Auxiliary held a tea in aid of the Mission Band. Three lovely panels, wash cloths and scrap books, the work of the Mission Band members, were on display; also a Japanese doll, Butterfly, with the various headdresses showing the different phases of her life, and a Philippine doll in native costume. Prizes were awarded: to Eunice Turner for the best washcloth, to Shirley Mortimer and Alice Wilson for perfect attendance, and to Lois McLean for memorizing several prayers and the aim of the Mission Band. Great credit was due their leader, Mrs. G. E. Elliott.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. J. Smith, Box 138, Armstrong, Press Secretary

WESTMINSTER P.S.—At the spring Thank-offering meeting of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, Mrs. W. J. White, of Ladner, a W.M.S. member for over fifty years, gave a most interesting history of the work in Canada. The movement began in Prince Edward Island one hundred and twelve years ago and worked west, until in the late '80's it reached British Columbia and a society was formed in Cooke's Church, Chilliwack. Now it is a rare thing to find a Presbyterian Church without a W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. R. M. Thomson also spoke briefly.

At the Kerrisdale Thank-offering, Miss S. V. Scott, deaconess, spoke on the School Residence at Saskatoon, now filled to capacity with happy girls, each contributing to the spirit and life of the Home. Letters were read from former pupils testifying to the change in their lives because of the fine Christian atmosphere of the Home. Surely their influence will react in greater missionary enthusiasm among these young people. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of a Life Membership to Mrs. F. T. Westbrook. Their allocation is well covered to date.

Miss C. Acheson, Vancouver Heights, entertained the W.M.S. Auxiliary when Mrs. John McPherson gave a splendid talk on her recent visit to Vimy and the cathedrals of Great Britain. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. John McGillivray, *Glad Tidings* Secretary, while Mrs. Randall, celebrating her eighty-third birthday, was presented with flowers.

In May Mrs. W. J. White of Ladner addressed Robertson Auxiliary, giving her fine historical sketch of W.M.S. work in Canada, especially the beginning and growth of the work in British Columbia.

A little over five years ago, the Mission Band leaders of Vancouver formed the Mission Band Leaders' Council, with the object of being mutually helpful. The Council has met monthly except during the summer holidays and the members feel its existence has been justified. They have come to know one another and no longer feel, as leaders are apt to do, that they are working alone. All seem to be facing the same problems, similar encouragements and discouragements. Ideas are interchanged, methods discussed and opinions formed as to the best course of action. At the June meeting, at the home of Miss C. Acheson, Vancouver Heights, four New Westminster leaders took charge, prayer being the theme. The best methods for encouraging children to take part in prayer were discussed, as was a sample programme prepared by one of the leaders. As usual the July gathering will take the form of an outing at one of the beaches. At this meeting Miss Grigor is expected to give an account of her labour of love among the boys and girls of the Peace River country.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S.—The members of this Presbyterial Society are feeling keenly the loss by death of their *Glad Tidings* Secretary, Mrs. E. Porte, of Salmon Arm. Her kindly smile and enthusiasm for W.M.S. work will be sadly missed at our annual meetings.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Church, Winnipeg, the members of the Home Helpers Department were special guests. Mrs. Nevin McWilliams took as her theme for the devotional period ''The Galilean Ministry''. Three members reviewed the work of the Formosan field: Mrs. A. M. L. Long, speaking on ''The Beautiful Isle of Formosa'', the wonderful growth and progress of the work under Divine guidance from Dr. George Leslie Mackay's arrival in 1872 until the present time; Mrs. J. T. Mitchell giving a résumé of the work of the Hospital, Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, the Church and the Women's Missionary Society; and Mrs. G. M. Williamson a talk on the College, schools and kindergartens. These talks were illustrated by a map with views of our field in Formosa and pictures of the missionaries there.

To the annual party of Knox Mission Band, Selkirk, each member brought a friend, which resulted in a record attendance of 111 children and 22 adults. A programme of devotional exercises, choruses and recitations was given by the children, all based on the theme ''Children helping Jesus''. Mrs. F. A. Gemmel spoke on ''Bible Babies''. The success of this enjoyable party was due largely to the splendid leadership of Miss M. J. Nixon and Mrs. George Gilhuly.

Winnipeg Presbyterial held a sectional meeting at Knox Church, Morden, and Knox Church, Roland. About twenty members from Winnipeg attended. The devotional services at Morden were taken by members of the Morden Auxiliary and at Roland by a group of girls including Mission

Band members, who were dressed in Japanese costume. Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody, Presbyterial President, gave an interesting report of the Enlarged Council Executive meetings in Toronto. Mrs. A. Evans, Provincial President, spoke on the relationship of our Women's Missionary Society to the workers in Formosa, Japan and India. Short addresses were given by departmental Secretaries. The C.G.I.T. girls sang, ''The Old Rugged Cross''. The members and friends at Roland served a delightful banquet, thus bringing to a close a very successful sectional meeting.

ONTARIO

MISS E. MACBETH, 206 HAVELOCK STREET, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the Diamond Jubilee of Gananoque Auxiliary in St. Andrew's Church Miss Ellen Douglas, Jobat, India, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Bain told the ''Story of Sixty Years''. Miss E. L. Mowat, Kingston, the daughter of a charter member, unveiled the Roll of Honour and, with Miss Douglas, lit the candles on the birthday cake, the top story of which was presented to Miss Douglas to take back to India. To Mrs. George Andrews was presented a Life Membership certificate.

Mrs. J. Hill, Toronto Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, presided at a well attended Mission Band rally in Dovercourt Road Church, Toronto. A Coronation service demonstrated, an inspirational story told, and new ideas for making attractive articles for the bale were the highlights of the session. Mrs. A. R. Riddell, Council Mission Band Secretary, and Miss Ethel Chisholm, Reg.N., were guests.

Section one, Toronto Presbyterial, held their twenty-second annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Port Credit, with Mrs. W. J. Marks in the chair. Mrs. A. C. Stewart, Presbyterial President, reported on the Provincial meeting in London. Mrs. J. D. Wilkie gave an inspiring address on her work in Formosa. Representatives were present from Oakville, Dixie, Mimico, Long Branch and Port Credit.

The annual spring rally of Guelph Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's, Kitchener. Mrs. H. L. Bennie, first Vice-President, presided. Mrs. W. Stewart, Miss P. Higginbotham, and Mrs. H. Mainprize presented reports of the Provincial meeting in London. Rev. E. A. Wright, formerly of the Peace River district, paid high tribute to the early pioneers, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Forbes, and also to Dr. Margaret Strang Savage and Miss Margaret Grigor, who to-day minister to the needy in that district. Mrs. L. W. Gehman, missionary designate for Manchuria, spoke briefly. An Honorary Membership was reported given to Mrs. J. P. Livingstone, Baden, by her husband. Rev. M. B. Davidson, Galt, brought greetings from Presbytery. Members of Guelph Presbytery and the Presbyterial delegates were entertained at luncheon by the women of St. Andrew's.

The Golden Jubilee of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Wingham, was observed with many members and friends from neighbouring Churches present. Mrs. A. Carr, the daughter of a charter member, gave a comprehensive account of the Society, from 1887-1937. Two missionaries have gone out from this Auxiliary, Dr. Caroline Macdonald, the ''White Angel of Tokyo'', and Miss Marion Williamson, Amkhut, India. The Happy Gleaners Mission Band, also celebrating its Golden Jubilee, took part in the service, and their leader, Miss F. Wilson, was made a Life Member.

At the 23rd annual meeting of Maitland Presbyterial in Chalmers Church, Whitechurch, encouraging reports showed increase in nearly all departments. For the highest marks for handiwork, Wingham Mission Band received a framed photograph of Miss Marion Williamson. Miss M. E. Anderson's address on her work among the Koreans in Kobe, Japan, was followed with interest. At the evening rally of Young Women's Auxiliaries and Girls' groups, Mrs. H. M. Coulter, former Provincial Girls' Organizations Secretary, emphasized the fact that the younger women were a link in the Church's chain, that the Church was by its Christian women adding much to the personnel of workers in all walks of life. A plea for the strengthening of the home base, the spreading of missionary news among the men of the Church, a greater enthusiasm for the work throughout the whole Church and a greater desire on the part of all to win souls for Christ was made by Rev. Allan Reoch in his address.

At the 23rd annual meeting of Glengarry Presbyterial in St. Luke's Church, Finch, 154 delegates registered. Reports all portrayed enthusiastic interest and consecrated effort. Inspirational addresses were given by Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa, and the Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., Ottawa. District No. 6 of this Presbyterial held a sectional meeting in Knox Church, Vankleek Hill, Mrs. Hardy addressing the girls' groups on ''Building'', Mrs. Ross, the senior Societies on ''Missions'', and Mrs. Mason McLennan speaking on the purpose of sectional meetings.

At well attended and interesting June sectional meetings in Sarnia Presbyterial at Knox, Warwick, Strathroy, Cameron and Corunna, Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Provincial President, spoke on ''The Women's Missionary Society as God's Gardeners''. An evening with lantern slides was enjoyed by Cuthbertson Auxiliary, Wyoming, the new set ''The Pioneers '' on our work in New Ontario and the Peace River district being used.

At the annual meeting of Orangeville Presbyterial, in Ventry, Mrs. J. A. Hilts was the guest speaker. Reports were good. The allocation was met; for this much credit was given the Treasurer, Mrs. K. S. Gemmell.

At the twenty-third annual meeting of North Bay Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Parry Sound, Mrs. J. M. Campbell presided. Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Orillia, spoke at both sessions and installed the officers.

A combined service with its theme ''Mothers'' and ''Coronation'' was held by the Chesterville Auxiliary. A beautifully bound Bible was presented to the President, Miss Helen Jamieson, in affectionate appreciation of her loyal work.

Good attendance and beneficial discussion marked seven sectional meetings of London Presbyterial. At all meetings the Literature Secretary presented literature helpful in the work of the Society. At a well attended rally of Mission Bands in the London district at Port Stanley in June, Mrs. J. M. Dickson, Presbyterial President, and other Executive members brought greetings. Games, a picnic supper, and stories told by Mrs. W. C. Wheaton delighted the children.

Temiskaming Presbyterial convened in St. Paul's Church, Englehart, for its twenty-fifth annual meeting. Rev. C. C. MacKay and Mrs. MacKay and Miss L. Macarthur were welcomed. Splendid reports were given, special mention being made of the Mission Bands. In the evening Miss Macarthur spoke of her work in Saskatchewan. In recognition of twelve years' faithful service as Presbyterial Treasurer, Mrs. M. S. Ireland was presented with a Life Membership certificate. Mrs. B. Marwick was re-elected President.

Weather, attendance and reports contributed to the success of the semi-annual meeting of Lindsay Presbyterial in Fenelon Falls. Mrs. G. A. Lucas presided. An increase in givings was noted.

Sectional meetings of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial were held at Lochwinnoch and Snow road. Excellent reports and inspirational addresses by Dr. Margaret O'Hara, Mrs. C. S. Bootes, Provincial Literature Secretary, and Rev. T. Hutton were features of the meetings.

QUEBEC

MRS. C. RITCHIE BELL, 251 OUTREMONT AVE., OUTREMONT, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual meeting of the Quebec Presbyterial Society was held in historic St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, on June 10th. The delegates were graciously welcomed by Mrs. Ramsay, a charter member. The reports showed a year of satisfactory work. Mrs. Baker gave a most interesting and comprehensive report of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting and also brought greetings from the Provincial Board. Miss Murray of Tyndale House gave a very fine address on her work in the Settlement House and in the camps. The delegates were delighted to learn so much of this important work. Mrs. Price, the President, took as the subject of her address ''Open Doors in Quebec Presbyterial'', pointing out the urgency of holding fast to the original aim of our Society in this province. Mrs. O. R. Campbell not only gave the closing words but assisted by her wise counsel throughout the meetings. The Rev. D. S. Traill of Lévis represented Presbytery.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. R. M. PATERSON, LUSELAND, PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA P.S.—Regina Presbyterial met in First Church, Regina. Mrs. G. M. Bell presided. The programme for the day borrowed the slogan, ''Pray, Give, Go.'' An inspiring address on ''Prayer'', its nature and its value, as revealed in the Bible, the world's great book of prayer, and exemplified in the life of Jesus and the really great leaders who followed Him, was given by Miss Helen Ross. In ''Highlights and Shadows'' from the various Secretaries' reports, progress was noted and the discussion of difficulties brought help to the Auxiliaries. An address on ''Giving'' urged members to give of these gifts of God, health and strength, leadership, co-operation and material possessions, and in that giving gain the reward of the Great Giver of all good. Mrs. H. R. Horne completed the thought of the day and gave as the outline of our whole missionary effort, ''Go ye . . . and lo, I am with you alway.'' It is possible for each and all of us to ''go'' by doing little kindnesses, by cheering and helping others; our service is measured not by ability nor efficiency but by willingness. Reference was made by Mrs. J. A. Sinclair to the loss of three valued members, Mrs. Foulds of Carnduff, Miss Mary Adair of Regina, and Mrs. Cook of Broadview. Mrs. Ralston installed the officers.

Members of the Regina W.M.S. Auxiliary drove to Bulyea to visit the Eddy Auxiliary. Mrs. Bell addressed the members on the value and possibilities of working together in harmony to bring about a unity in all departments of our Church life.

Moose Jaw P.S.—In Knox Church, Moose Jaw, was held a very enthusiastic two-day session of the Moose Jaw Presbyterial. Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Pambrun, Swift Current and Weyburn were represented. Increases in givings and in *Glad Tidings* subscriptions were reported, while keen interest was shown in all departments of the work. In a stirring address on the need for an immediate revival Rev. A. Roskamp of Weyburn urged that prayer groups be formed, catechism be taught, and the family altar be revived in our homes. Mrs. Staveley, Weyburn, spoke on ''The Christian Walk''. Mrs. Ralston installed the officers and reminded them of their obligations.

Prince Albert P.S.—Sixty members and delegates registered at the 24th annual meeting of Prince Albert Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Tisdale. The President, Mrs. McKay, expressed regret at the resignation of Mrs. McLeod, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. L. K. Stewart, second Vice-President. The latter is leaving for Keewatin, Ontario, after thirty-two years' service in St. James' Church, Melfort, as Auxiliary President for seven years, and a Presbyterial officer since 1925. She was made a Life Member by her Auxiliary.

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Thanking God for Everything

"Thank God always, for everything."—Ephesians 5: 20.

THE New Testament has one cure for every dark mood. It is to thank God. The Psalmist bids us "enter His gates with praise." The way out of every place of trouble for the spirit is the way into God's fellowship, and praise is often the key that opens the gates.

. . . .

There is always something that can kindle the spirit of gratitude. Some little flower of the love and care of God is growing in the darkest prison of circumstances. Most of us fail to see our greatest blessings till we are threatened with the loss of them. What a blessing there is in friendship and love, for instance! How grateful we should be for sight and hearing, for the sense of humour, for the health that is so good that we are not even conscious of our bodies!

It is through gratitude that we find the most direct way to the sense of God. When we are utterly thankful, there is an impulse that makes us lift our hearts to God. Someone describes the plight of a thankful atheist who has no one to thank! We may not all be able to enter into the mystic experiences of some of our hymns. But we can all share in the hymns of praise. As gratitude awakes, the sense of the Almighty Giver begins to grow up within us. The gates of God's fellowship swing open as we give thanks.

If we can find nothing else we can thank God for Himself. For whatever else be gone, God abides. At all times He is with us. Whatever our trouble, He can help us to meet it. However hard the way, He is on that road alongside of us. . . . If we know Christ in His love we can thank God at all times.

. . . .

There is a secret by which we can come to thank God for everything. It is to commit ourselves utterly to His strong, wise hands. When we are there, in that place of entire commitment, all that meets us can work nothing but good. That is the Christian victory. It is the way of utter peace, and freedom from fear and care.

"All things are yours, for ye are Christ's." With this secret in our hearts we can thank God at all times, and even for everything.

—Rev. James Reid, D.D., in the *British Weekly.*

Editorial

''Bear Ye One Another's Burdens''

THE sympathy of our whole Church is aroused by the information regarding conditions in many parts of our western provinces. The need is greater than ever and our women will be considering plans for helping the distressed. Wait for directions for shipping. These will be forwarded through Provincial and Presbyterial Supply Secretaries. **Please note.**—Clothing should not be sent with vegetable and fruit carloads.

Hospital Day in Canora.

MONDAY, June 14th, was a red-letter day at the Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, Canora, Saskatchewan. Not only was it Hospital Day, when Miss Cuddy and her staff were ''at home'' to the people of Canora and the district, who were thus given an opportunity to see the hospital with its improvements and new equipment, but it was, too, the occasion of the official opening by J. A. MacMillan, K.C., M.P., of the pipe-line connecting the hospital to the town water system and the turning on of the water. The installing of the water main was made possible by the co-operation of the Dominion and Provincial Governments, the town, and our Women's Missionary Society, which operates the hospital.

Vegreville Residence

THERE has been a reorganization of the work in Vegreville, Alberta. Rev. M. S. Blackburn has moved from Medicine Hat to be minister of the churches at Vegreville and Ranfurly. He and Mrs. Blackburn will be in charge of the Vegreville Residence, as superintendent and matron. This arrangement will be a saving to both the Church and the Women's Missionary Society. Miss Isabel Gibson, formerly Superintendent of the School Residence, is retiring.

The Kirk at Work.

AN attractive booklet, ''The Kirk at Work'', contains the programme of the exhibition of the activities of the Presbyterian Church in Queensland, Australia, held in Brisbane, on the 20th, 21st and 22nd May, 1937. In his introduction the Moderator of the Queensland General Assembly explains the purpose of the Kirk at Work Exhibition—to show what the Presbyterian Church is doing in that State and to create and stimulate increased interest in its work. Brief articles discuss the various departments of work: administrative; Home Missions—''Queensland is regarded by our Church in Australia as the Home Mission

State''; Welfare of Youth; Aboriginal Work; The Women's Missionary Union; Junior Mission Bands; Schools and Colleges; Homes and Hostels; Church Extension; and ''the Kirk at work afar''.

The Annual Report.

THE 1936 annual report of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) has been sent out. While the report is sent to the officers of the various branches of the Society, it is expected that the information it contains should be available to all members.

The allocation of reports is as follows:

Two to every Auxiliary;
Two to every Young Women's Auxiliary;
One to every Associate or Affiliated Society;
One for the use of the Girls' Organizations in a congregation;
One for each Mission Band.

There are on hand, too, a limited number of reports which may be obtained on the payment of twenty-five cents each.

Again we would appeal for special care in the writing of names. Would all those sending in reports of any kind be good enough to make very sure of the correct spelling of names of persons and places, and then write them very plainly, so that all possible mistakes may be eliminated? We should be grateful if any who find their names misspelled would inform us of the mistake.

Movements of Missionaries.

New Missionaries Under the Women's Missionary Society.

To India—Miss Edith Margaret Magee, Jhansi, October, 1937.

To Manchuria—Mrs. Langdon W. Gehman, nurse evangelist, and Miss Helena W. Gibbs, evangelist. Owing to war conditions, the passages booked for Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs have been cancelled.

New Missionaries Under the Church.

To British Guiana—Rev. DeCourcy H. Rayner and Mrs. Rayner, New Amsterdam, May, 1937.

To India—Dr. W. R. Quinn and Mrs. Quinn, Jobat, the Bhil Field, October, 1937.

W.M.S. Missionaries on Furlough

From Formosa—Miss Hildur K. Hermanson, Taihoku; Miss Isabel Taylor, Tansui.

Church Missionaries on Furlough

From British Guiana—Rev. David Marshall and Mrs. Marshall.

From Japan—Miss Gladys Murphy, W.M.S. (E.D.).

On sick leave—Dr. L. L. Young and Mrs. Young.

From Formosa—Dr. Eugene Stevens and Mrs. Stevens, Taikohu; Rev. J. D. Wilkie and Mrs. Wilkie, Tansui; Dr. G. Gushue-Taylor and Mrs. Gushue-Taylor, Taihoku, (now in England doing special work).
From Manchuria—Rev. Allan Reoch and Mrs. Reoch, Szepingkai.

W.M.S. MISSIONARIES RETURNING AFTER FURLOUGH

To Japan—Miss Mary E. Anderson, Kobe, September, 1937.
To Formosa—Miss Ethel M. Chisholm, Taihoku, September, 1937.
To India—Miss Ellen I. Douglas, Jobat, October, 1937.

CHURCH MISSIONARIES RETURNING AFTER FURLOUGH

To India—Rev. A. A. Lowther, Jhansi, September, 1937; Rev. C. L. Wood and Mrs. Wood, Alirajpur, the Bhil Field, October, 1937.

The Churches and the Far Eastern Situation

THE gravity and tragedy of the situation in the Far East, developing with such great rapidity from day to day, can hardly be exaggerated. The far-reaching consequences of these events cannot yet be foreseen. In such a time as this the attitudes and actions of the Churches may well be characterized in the first place by great self-restraint and calmness of judgment. Any hasty word or ill-considered action may do great harm. Secondly, there is need for the most earnest study of the causes that underlie these developments. It may be that in some measure the Churches have had a share of responsibility for what is now happening. We must strive to understand more clearly what has brought Japan and China to the positions they now occupy. Only so can we begin to think about what might be done to change the situation. Thirdly, to share sympathetically and in some real way in the suffering and sorrow of the people in these two great nations in Asia is our duty. To give some help in relief of those who are suffering will be our privilege. Fourthly, the Churches must pray. We must witness to our faith in the reality of the Kingdom of God which transcends the world of nations.

At the closing session of the recent World Conference on Faith and Order in Edinburgh, on Wednesday morning, August 18th, the following declaration was unanimously adopted:

"We have met at a time of great strain and distress alike in Europe and in the Far East. We watch with sympathy and sorrow the menace and the horrors of war. We are persuaded that war never occurs except as a result and expression of that sin from which Christ came to redeem the world. We therefore call all men, and ourselves before all others, to pray that God may give to us and to all men the love of justice, the readiness to forgive, the knowledge of His will, and the courage to obey it. For all who bear rule in their nations we ask the abundant bestowal of these gifts and we pray that, despite all earthly causes of estrangement, Christians in all lands may be united in the fellowship of prayer and obedience.''

—*A. L. Warnshuis.*

Released by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Aug. 27.

The Oxford Conference and the German Evangelical Church

ON account of the absence of the official delegation of the German Evangelical Church from the Oxford Conference on Church, Community, and State, the conference unanimously adopted a message to the German Church. It was proposed that a delegation should be sent to deliver it and inform that Church of the conference proceedings.

The Bishop of Chichester, chairman of the committee that drafted the message, made an important statement in this connection. ''The Bishop of Chichester'', reported *The Times* (Weekly Edition, 22 July, 1937), ''said that one of the most tragic features of the present world situation was the fact that the Christian Churches in different countries had been suffering during a number of years in a way which 30 years ago would have seemed hardly credible. The conference of 1925 at Stockholm was full of sympathy for the sufferings of the Russian Church. Now they were called on to express their sympathy with the German Evangelical Church. . . . 'There are darker shades in the picture of Germany which cause sorrow to its friends, but let us not forget the self-sacrifice and the devotion to the common good which are also evident, and let us do everything we can to encourage the return of Germany into the full enjoyment of spiritual and material life of the world of nations in a spirit of comradeship and trust based upon the acceptance of a common moral and spiritual standard.' . . . . The Churches represented at the conference were bound to stand side by side with their brethren in the German Evangelical Church who were upholding the principles for which the conference was standing.''

The message adopted contained the following:

''We are greatly moved by the afflictions of many pastors and laymen who have stood firm from the first in the Confessional Church for the sovereignty of Christ and for the freedom of the Church of Christ to preach the Gospel. We note the gravity of the struggle in which not your Church alone, but the Roman Catholic Church as well, is engaged against distortion and suppression of Christian witness and for the training of the young in a living faith in Jesus Christ as Son of

God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. . . . We, your brethren in other Churches, are one with our suffering brethren in the German Evangelical Church in love and prayer. . . . We pray God to bless you, and to guide and comfort you in your afflictions, and we call upon the Churches throughout the world to make intercession for you with our Father in Heaven and to rejoice that once again it has been proved that a faith born of sacrifice is counted worthy of sacrifice.''

Dr. J. H. Oldham, chairman of the Conference Research Committee and secretary of the International Missionary Council since 1921, speaking of the meaning and possibilities of the conference, said that the Church was faced with a task of colossal magnitude.

1. The Church must present not only a doctrine but a way of life;

2. It must prove itself a living force in the purposes and activities of civil society, and must achieve its influence not through a clergy but through the agency of laymen, evading no responsibility and rejecting altogether the idea that the Church as such has nothing to do with real life;

3. It must give the world a new idea of what is meant by Christian education, especially in preventing and removing those emotional biases which dull the still small voice of conscience and render men insensitive to cruelty and injustice and oppression;

4. And, finally, the Church must not be content with saying things, but it must discover the will of God for men's lives and make it manifest therein.

The Edinburgh Conference

BY WILFRED F. BUTCHER

WAS the second World Conference on Faith and Order a success? Failure would have meant that the representatives of the Churches found that they had so little in common and there were such profound differences among them that their discussions ended in disagreement, or they found it impossible to say anything more than platitudes about the great questions before them. On the contrary, there was a deep unity about the essential doctrines of the Christian faith, though with profound differences of interpretation and emphasis. Debate was frank and free. Delegates were not content to state their own position only, but willing and able to think together and to learn from one another.

Set speeches were very few. For over two weeks the Conference set itself to the task of preparing, first in small groups, then in larger ones, and finally in discussion of the whole, reports on these great subjects:

I. The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here, though the language was essentially Protestant, agreement was complete. Our readers will be interested in these sentences:

''In regard to the relation of God's grace and man's freedom, we all agree simply upon the basis of Holy Scripture and Christian experience that the sovereignty of God is supreme. Thus we men owe our whole salvation to His gracious will. But, on the other hand, it is the will of God that His grace should be actively appropriated by man's own will and that for such decision man should remain responsible.''

II. The Church of Christ and the Word of God.

''. . . We are at one in asserting the uniqueness and supremacy of the revelation given in Christ; in His Name alone salvation is offered to the world. But when we turn from this to the question whether we can come to know God through other and partial revelations we find differences which demand further study and discussion.

''A testimony in *words* is by divine ordering provided for the revelation uttered by the *Word.* This testimony is given in Holy Scripture, which thus affords the primary norm for the Church's teaching, worship and life. We are all convinced that this conception of the revelation cannot be shaken by scientific Bible research. But if it is conscious of its true nature, such research can render the Church important services in bringing about a right interpretation of the Scripture, provided that the freedom needed for carrying out its work is not denied to it.

''We believe that the divisions of Christendom in every land are such as to hamper the manifestation of the unity of Christ's Body. We deplore this with all our hearts; and we desire that this Conference should summon members of the Churches to such penitence that not only their leaders, but the ordinary men and women who hear their message, may learn that the cause of Christian unity is implicit in God's word, and should be treated by the Christian conscience as an urgent call from God.''

III. The Communion of Saints.

Under this heading was considered a subject of importance to Orthodox and Catholic Churches, though new and difficult for the Protestant mind. We quote a section from the report:

''We are agreed that the communion of saints most certainly involves the mutual sharing of both spiritual and temporal blessings on the part of all living Christians. We believe that this mutual sharing should transcend all racial, political, social and denominational barriers, in the spirit of Gethsemane and the Cross.

''We further see in the communion of saints an affirmation of the unbroken communion between the living and the departed in Christ.

Any conception of the communion of saints which is confined to the earth alone is defective.''

IV. Ministry and Sacraments.

Here was most difference and difficulty. The report, however, expresses clearly the various doctrines and practices, containing much valuable information for the Churches.

V. The Church's Unity in Life and Worship.

The several conceptions of Church Unity are described as:

1. Co-operative Action.
2. Intercommunion—''a relation between two, or more, Churches in which the communion of each is open to all members of the other at all times''—a matter of great difficulty and importance to the Anglican, Orthodox, and Catholic Churches.
3. Corporate Union—''Our task is to find in God, to receive from Him as His gift, a unity which can take up and preserve in one beloved community all the varied spiritual gifts which He has given us in our separations.

   ''While we do not conceive of the 'corporate union', which we seek from God, as a rigid governmental unity, we find it difficult to imagine that unity, as it would exist between Churches within the same territory, without some measure of organizational union.''

Various practical proposals were made, such as the increase of intercourse between the members and leaders of the Churches, the spreading of wider knowledge about those of our fellow-Christians whom we least understand, the holding of regional conferences about matters of Faith and Order, and emphasis on this work in the preparation of students for the ministry.

''A most reassuring feature of the œcumenical movement is the growing interest in the subject being manifest by the Student Christian Movements and other Christian youth organizations. This interest should be fostered in every possible way. We commend heartily the World Christian Youth Conference for the year 1939.

''Experience shows that the injury done to the Christian cause by the multiplicity of separate Churches within a given area is so great that the territorial unity of Churches should normally be regarded as desirable where it can be accomplished without violating the principles of the Churches concerned.

''The Churches and Mission Boards of the West have a great responsibility to discharge in regard to union movements among the younger Churches. Even where the younger Churches are autonomous, they will naturally seek counsel and encouragement from the older Churches to which under God they owe their origin. While it is right and proper for the older Churches to place at the disposal of younger

Churches what they most value in doctrine, worship, and order, it must be recognized as a fundamental necessity that in all matters both older and younger Churches should be free to follow the leading of the Spirit of God as it is apprehended by them. . . .''

It was further proposed that there should be a World Council of Churches, co-ordinating all the present agencies working for co-operation and understanding and giving some formal expression to the unity of the One Church—a unity so much more important than all our divisions.

One of the last formal acts of the Conference was the passing of an ''affirmation of unity''—a short statement of the Christian faith in which we all believe. St. Giles' Cathedral was the scene of a last gathering for worship, and the delegates scattered to the ends of the earth.

One wonders what will be the results in the coming years. They depend upon the extent to which all Christian people realize that they are called by God to *one* task, and the measure in which they can learn to work together at this task. This becomes a matter of pre-eminent importance on our mission fields, at home and abroad.

Designated for Deaconess Service

ON Friday evening, July 23rd, a large congregation, representing almost all the Churches of greater Vancouver, gathered in Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, for the designation of Miss Gertrude M. Rollo for deaconess service under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The service was under the auspices of the Presbytery of Westminster, Rev. D. A. Fowlie presiding in the absence of the Moderator. He was assisted by Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell and Rev. R. C. Creelman, Chairman of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. Rev. Harry Lennox, of Kerrisdale Church, delivered the address, emphasizing the fact that Christ Jesus alone can meet the needs of the world and satisfy the hunger of the soul. On behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Provincial President, presented Miss Rollo to Presbytery for designation. She spoke of her qualifications and training for the work to which she is appointed and conveyed to Miss Rollo the message of the Council Executive sent by Mrs. D. Strachan, first Vice-President. Mr. Fowlie then conducted the dedication service for the Presbytery, and pinned on her deaconess pin. Rev. W. A.

Miss Rollo

Cameron, D.D., addressed the new deaconess, reminding her of the difficulties and discouragements she would meet but also of the joy of service in the office in which she had been placed and the assurance of success and victory in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the service refreshments were served, and the congregation had an opportunity of meeting Miss Rollo and wishing her Godspeed. On July 27th Miss Rollo left Vancouver with Miss Grigor for the Peace River district to serve as deaconess at Brownvale, Alberta.

Seventieth Birthday Celebration in Formosa (Taiwan)

By Rev. Hugh MacMillan

ON the evening of June 17th Soren Church, Taihoku City, was the scene of interesting festivities in honour of Mrs. Gauld, wife of the late Dr. William Gauld, veteran missionary to Formosa. It was Mrs. Gauld's seventieth birthday.

June the seventeenth is also Taiwan day. The streets of Taihoku were fluttering with flags celebrating the beginnings of Japanese administration in Taiwan more than forty years ago. A Japanese Imperial prince who had been in the Island visiting left the city in the morning by the big Douglas airplane ''Fuji.'' Thousands flocked to see him off. To those preparing for Mrs. Gauld's birthday party in the evening, thoughts of the coming of the Japanese forty-two years ago helped to recall the coming of the Gaulds three years earlier. Mrs. Gauld has been in Taiwan forty-five years.

The programme took the form first of a service of worship and thanksgiving. This was followed by the birthday dinner. Mrs. Gauld, who sat in the pulpit, did not seem as one in a separate place, but as one very much connected with the whole proceedings. Those who read the Scriptures were her pupils. She had taught them in music, and many other things besides. Those who led in prayer have been close to her for years. The audience of about two hundred that rose to sing the hymns was like a choir of those who had at some time or other been led in singing by Mrs. Gauld's baton.

The service was followed by a simple meal. But the courses consisted of Taiwan dishes not only with delicious tastes but also with deep Oriental significance for such an occasion as a seventieth birthday. Long strings of macaroni lifted high with chopsticks seemed the Oriental way of raising the toast and ''drinking'' to long life. And many were the symbols in meats and vegetables of youth in age. The guest of honour of the evening is a good example of the expression, ''seventy years young.''

During the dinner the processes of digestion were assisted by the enjoyment of musical numbers. A group of Mrs. Gauld's earliest pupils delighted the audience with their singing of a hymn to an old tune used nearly half a century ago. To the old folks it recalled the good old days! To the youth it belonged to an age they had heard a lot about, but never knew. Several very good rhymes were made up on the spot by some of the church's humorists. These were recited with old-fashioned intonation and received with much merriment.

The hit of the evening was the performance at the piano of a little prodigy of about seven years of age. This little girl is the daughter of one of Mrs. Gauld's former pupils. The mother, it is said, has trained the child. The audience, evidently expecting ''Twinkle, twinkle, little star,'' or a flood of child's tears, were greatly moved by disciplined measures from ''The Battle of Waterloo''. This young musician is a musical grandchild of the guest of the evening.

No number on the programme was more enjoyed than the few words spoken by Mrs. Gauld herself. Not just because it was the guest of honour speaking were people impressed, but for the very worth of her words. True to form, ''Our Mother Teacher,'' as they called Mrs. Gauld that night, not only thanked the audience for the honour done to her, but also emphasized the importance of ''keeping the time'' in music, as well as carrying on the glorious work of praising God for all His blessings in our lives through His Son Jesus Christ.

The face of one of Mrs. Gauld's very talented students made an interesting study as his honoured teacher spoke. An admiring interest in his teacher's continued musical ability, even to the age of seventy, was clearly there, and with it there was in his eyes a special twinkle of appreciation as he listened to her pointed illustration:

''Sometimes I have gone to church and heard the congregation singing, 'I L-O-V-E T-O T-E-L-L T-H-E S-T--O--R-Y . . . .' like that.'' (She sang to illustrate.) ''Now,'' she went on, ''if people really *loved* to tell the story, do you think they would sing it like that? No. Of course not. They'd sing, 'I *love* to tell the story . . .' '' (She sang again with her well-preserved voice to illustrate.) ''They wouldn't drag it out in that manner.''

One could almost hear the thoughts of the young musician as he eagerly watched the speaker, ''Here, here! You are still going strong, even at seventy.''

The Jhansi Church Evangelistic Tour

THE idea came into our minds to suggest to the Church members to give part of their vacation time in giving the Gospel to the people of the district. The idea was heartily approved by many Church people and our missionaries gladly rendered every help possible to encourage us in this home mission work.

The preliminary preparations were carried out carefully. We had to learn how to operate the magic lantern. For this we went out to a locality called Nai Basti for three consecutive nights with as many Church members as could squeeze into the motor seats. We got there in good time to see the place and announce the meeting. There we showed the full set on the life of Christ and in every place we were welcomed and good crowds gathered to hear the good news. This effort gave our people courage and ambition to share in this work. We learned how to work the magic lantern with the help of Mr. Cheshire.

On May 24th we started out in motors to Babina. Our party consisted of 18 school-boys and four men. We stayed in the mission house comfortably for one full busy week. Our programme of work was this way. Breakfast at 6, before which all other necessary tasks were to be done. Some on duty prepared food, others filled the water-pots, and so forth. At 6.30 the bell called every one to pray and take a morning verse for meditation. After this groups were made, in which boys and adults were equally divided. Four groups went in four directions to do all they could in each village. Five Gospel portions were given to each group to try to sell. The groups came back about ten or a little after. Three groups went on foot and another went on cycles to far villages. Food time at 11; everybody sat under a tree and ate together. Then we had to look for a shelter from the scorching heat of the sun, but hot winds got after us inside the rooms and made our rest and sleep impossible. The younger boys had a place for themselves and the older people had a separate place to read and meditate. At 4 p.m. the bell rang again to get washed and ready for a meeting. At 4.30 everybody was in the room. In these meetings we studied the Gospel—what it means, what it brings, and the urgency of taking the Gospel to the people. Also, we spent a couple of days studying the ways of preaching and giving the Gospel. The boys and all of us were helped by these studies. At 6.30 the bell rang again for dinner, after which all of the older people went into the village with the magic lantern, showing the pictures each night at a different centre. Men, women and children sat quietly for an hour and a half listening attentively to the story of His love.

In one village about five miles away from Babina, the whole population, several hundreds of people, came out to see the pictures and sat very quietly. In another village while we were preaching in the day, we asked for a definite step to be taken on the side of Christ, and one boy of 18 and two others at once raised their hands and we prayed for them. In one village called Dhamkan, several older people professed faith in Christ. (We went out to-day to strengthen them in their faith.) Around Babina we visited 22 villages and sold 15 Gospels. In the evening every party gave their reports of how the work had gone with them that day and in the class we gave instructions to juniors to present the Gospel message in a better way. Sunday was a quiet day of prayer, worship and meditation. The two families in Babina liked the Sunday atmosphere in their station.

On the evening of the 31st the party travelled by motors from Babina to Baragaon, a distance of 25 miles, and the next day our daily work started with the same programme. Here we had different group leaders, for the men who could not stay the full two weeks in the work went away and others came and took their places of leadership gladly and willingly, counting it joy to be able to preach the Gospel for a few days. Four villages each day were visited by four groups, the cycle party taking the farthest village. The daily meetings were held in the bungalow and the families also attended them, so we had a larger group here, all eager to learn something more about Jesus and how to make His Gospel known to the people.

The people around Baragaon heard much better and bought more books. Each party used to take five Gospel portions and two days two parties were sorry they had not taken more than five. In one village ten books were sold and more were wanted, but we could not go back five miles with them that day. In one village the eagerness to buy books was great. A certain girl had no *pice* (½ cent) to buy a book, but she wanted the book, so brought buttermilk for it. Our men accepted it and gave her the book, encouraging her to read it every day.

In one village while visiting a house (we used to go from house to house in villages after a general meeting, trying to reach all the people with the Gospel message) one old man and his whole family sat down and asked us to read from our big book. We gladly consented and read Isa. 53, 55, and portions from John's Gospel. The way they gave attention and drank in every word showed us how even in a devil-stricken country there are some who are hungry for God and His Word. It encouraged us to go on preaching to every house.

The music and picture-rolls helped us greatly in getting the crowds together. One day we happened to meet a gypsy camp. We sat down among them and sang Gospel songs and showed pictures on the Life of our Lord, and oh, how quietly they sat around us! After that they bought Gospels.

Around Baragaon we visited 18 villages and sold 35 Gospel portions. In different places in Baragaon we showed lantern pictures at night, without any opposition. One day we spent in the Baragaon bazaar, trying to preach to the high castes and they gave us many arguments and foolish talk; nevertheless we tried patiently to give an answer for the hope that is within us and silenced them.

One Sunday we spent in Baragaon and had two meetings for all the Christian people. They appreciated the day with them. The camp closed on the 7th, when we all came back to our homes. The Lord blessed us all in the work and we believe many people in the village secretly believed upon the Lord.

This is the first attempt in this way by the Church, but everybody got a greater ambition to work for the Lord. We are planning to launch a greater campaign in the city this fall, the Lord willing. We want to make our Church an evangelizing one and a great force in evangelistic work in the city and district. Please pray for us.

Your servant in the Gospel,
Moti Lall.

The following is Mr. Lall's report of a young Brahmin who became interested in the Gospel through his work in the city.

"Hanmat Pershad, of whom I wrote you, became so changed that he began coming regularly to our services, and in between times to see me. After a few weeks his people came to know that he was attending Christian services and they made it very hard for him. The last few times he came to our service he opened his heart to me and told me how he loved the Lord. He said when his father learned of it he scolded him and would give him no food. He came hungry to one Wednesday service, but when I offered him food he lovingly refused it, saying he would be patient. He was very much discouraged and perplexed. The last time he came he told me all his father had done to him during the week, how he had burned his clothes and his books, including a Gospel and hymn-book which I had given him. The father who owns half of one village, told him he had no right in the family heritage and from now on he would consider him dead. The next day he seemingly relented and said, 'If you wish to worship Christ, why not sit at home and worship Him? Why go to the Christians?' His only reply was, 'I love Him and His worship in the church.' One day his father locked him up and said, 'We will see who will come to deliver you,' but six hours later he opened the door.

''No matter what his father did or what he had to suffer he was always at church on time. The father finally threatened to send him to some distant city, and I am sure he has done so, for I have twice visited his locality and could see nothing of him, and it is now three weeks since we have seen or heard of him. Hanmat Pershad told me that wherever he might be sent he would seek out a Christian church and attend service. I am sure that the love of God is so deep in his heart that it cannot be quenched even by all these threats and persecutions. Will you not all join us in holding him up before the Throne of Grace, praying that God will not only make him 'to stand' but will bless him, making him a soul-winner, and to the Lord be all the praise.''

The Second Preachers' Wives' Conference

By Mrs. James Dickson

THIS year it was decided to hold the Preachers' and Pastors' Wives' Conference in the Theological College building in Tansui, so that the wives, living all in the same dormitory, might have more chance of fellowship. It is a building admirably adapted to conference purposes: the College Chapel, simple yet beautiful enough in design to be conducive to a spirit of worship and consecration; the bedrooms, whitewashed and plain with low, deep windows suggestive of a monastery; the long red-tiled passage-way with its many windows, which made an airy, bright dining-hall; and, above all, the view outside—green lawns stretching down to the river, the mountain beyond, to whose heights one's eyes involuntarily lift, for peace and strength and calmness,—''I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.'' What better place could we find in which to seek God for a few days in quietness?

The first meeting was one of evening worship, and the leader said: ''We are now on the mountain-top, but we shall have to go back, back to Jerusalem! We shall have to go back down into the valley to work again.'' She urged them to be near the Chapel when the bell sounded for the meeting. ''If you are three minutes late, that three minutes might have been spent in prayer, and who knows what great good God might have granted as an answer to that prayer?'' She continued with searching words, asking each one to examine her own heart to find if unworthy desires were uppermost there. ''Are we in our hearts longing for pretty clothes, good food, and to have people speak well of us?'' she questioned. That almost broke my heart. I know the kind of places they have to live in,—crude, old, and often ugly, where even the simplest hygiene is not possible; they who have barely enough of the plainest food, who wonder how they will clothe their children so that they will be warm enough, trying to strip themselves of all but spiritual desires! ''Or do you sometimes wish for more money?'' she went on relentlessly. ''Our motto is: Follow Christ. The Son of Man had nowhere to lay His head. We, at least, have had the privilege of coming here for inspiration; there are some of our number who perhaps are not here to-day because their clothes were not good enough.''

Preachers' Wives' Conference, June 1937

A famous Japanese woman pastor was the principal speaker. She is beloved by the Formosans, not only because of the quality of her spiritual message but also because of her love for them. Last year in our conference we stressed the importance of a mother's personal and untiring care for her children, and, perhaps, inadvertently we emphasized the physical side of it and the moral responsibility of the mother. This year Mrs. Uemura, our speaker, balanced the lessons learned by bringing in the spiritual side. What a wonderful opportunity a mother has to teach her child eternal truths! ''Are you putting oil in your children's lamps now,'' she said, ''that will stand them in good stead when temptation and discouragement befall them?'' She told of her own home, which had been poor. Her father was a pastor. Because they thought music might be a help to her in Christian work, her parents had sent her to a good singing school. When a concert was to be held by the school, some of the other students asked her, seemingly politely but with malicious intent, ''And what kimono are you going to wear when you take part in the concert?'' knowing she had only one she could wear. She answered them bravely, but when she went home and told her mother, she cried at the memory of the humiliation. Her mother said quietly, ''Remember Christ suffered even the death on the Cross.''

One of the most inspiring prayer-meetings was a sun-rise meeting held out of doors. Somehow one's thoughts become sweeter, one's heart quieter, worshipping God in the out-of-doors. The leader urged them to keep humble and asked them each day to read Mark 10: 45, so that they would remember their mission—to minister unto the flock that was theirs. And as they prayed one after another that God would keep their hearts humble and make them useful servants in His Kingdom, praying so earnestly that often the tears flowed down their faces, one part of my mind wandered off to the thought of faces I had seen out in the world—hard, discontented, indifferent—in contrast to these pure, selfless faces straining only after God and His righteousness, and in my heart I thought, ''These people are not poor, but rich, because they have found that beauty which transfigures life. In seeking only to 'follow Christ' in simplicity and truth, they have found a foretaste of Heaven itself.''

A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite, tender sky,
The rich, ripe tint of the cornfields,
And the wild geese sailing high,
And all over the upland and lowland
The charm of the goldenrod;
Some of us call it Autumn—
And others call it God.

—*W. H. Carruth.*

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father, at this time of national Thanksgiving, we would approach Thy Throne with grateful, humble hearts. We are not worthy to be blessed as we have been; in Thy loving-kindness Thou hast been good to us far beyond what we deserve. We thank Thee for the love of Jesus Christ which has made possible all the joy and peace that we have through belief in Him. We thank Thee for the gift of health that enables us to carry on our work for Thee. To many of us Thou hast given a bountiful harvest. May we never be unmindful of the hand that feeds us. May we realize fully how dependent we are upon Thee for all that we have of temporal blessings and, in receiving them, not forget those who are less fortunate than ourselves. May we ever try to help those both in our own land and in lands beyond the seas who in Thy providence have suffered hardship of any kind. In our gratitude may we not feel that we are more deserving than others, but may we ever know that to whom much is given of them much shall be required.

For all who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ we pray Thy blessing, especially those who work in remote parts of our own land and those who, far from home and dear ones, have obeyed Thy command: ''Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.'' Give to all our missionaries health and strength and a double portion of Thy Spirit, that their lives may be a benediction to those whose lives they touch.

For all our Women's Missionary Society workers we ask a special blessing, from the President of our Society to the members of our smallest Auxiliary.

Forgive us if in Thy work we have been careless or indifferent; and bless us in the efforts we have made, even though feeble; for we know that, if done in Thy Name, our work is not unavailing.

These petitions we ask in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, whom we profess to love and serve. Amen.

Ah! when shall all men's good
Be each man's rule, and universal Peace
Lie like a shaft of light across the land?

—*Tennyson.*

Designation of Miss Gordon

AT a very impressive service in St. John's Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, on August 31st, Miss G. Ione Gordon was designated for deaconess service under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Miss Gordon

The Rev. M. S. Blackburn, of Medicine Hat, Moderator of the Presbytery of Macleod, conducted the service and designated the deaconess. Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, President of Macleod Presbyterial, read the message from the Women's Missionary Society. The Rev. A. J. Sinclair, of Macleod, preached the sermon, and the Rev. J. N. Hepburn, of Lethbridge, Clerk of Presbytery, addressed the newly designated deaconess. The members of Presbytery then extended to Miss Gordon the right hand of fellowship.

Miss Gordon's new field of service is the Pouce Coupe district, with headquarters at Riverside, British Columbia, in the Presbytery of Peace River.

The Great Fellowship

The Observance of the Day of Prayer in Canada for 1937.

REJOICING and thanksgiving marked the annual meeting of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada for 1937. There had been an increase of 111 centres holding services (an increase in every province but one), Saskatchewan leading with the splendid advance of 56; and there had been a proportionate advance in giving. The splendid total of $6,683.93 represents the greatest amount yet contributed through our Day of Prayer gatherings, an increase of almost $1,000 over last year.

This increase in giving permits cuts to be restored and certain grants to be raised. For example, it permits a Jubilee gift to the Christian Literature Society of Shanghai which will publish a *Life of Christ* by Miss Ho and a translation of Amy Le Feuvre's *The Most Wonderful Thing in the World.* An increase to the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children will help to pay for an Arabic edition of the little magazine *The Treasure Chest* for use in Egypt. And an appropriation has been made to meet the pressing need here in the homeland for Christian literature for new Canadians, to help combat the flood of atheistic propaganda broadcast among them.

A vigorous forward step was taken this year in the broadcast by

Miss Bessie MacMurchy at 4.45 p.m. on February 11th, announcing the world-wide service of the following day. This was made possible through the gracious courtesy of CFRB, and the Inter-Board Committee is gratefully appreciative. This lead may point the way to local broadcasts in the various provinces, for undoubtedly no other medium is more effective in spreading information and creating interest.

Another distinctive incident in the records of 1937 was the sending of the following expression of loyalty to their Majesties on their Coronation:—

> ''To His Most Excellent Majesty, King George VI,
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> May it please your Majesty:
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> The Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada which represents a membership of three hundred and fifteen thousand in the Women's Missionary organizations of the various denominations in Canada, humbly and respectfully extends to your Gracious Majesty and to your Queen, on this the occasion of your Coronation, an expression of our deep loyalty and devotion.
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> God grant you a long and peaceful reign, and may His richest blessing rest upon yourself in your high office, upon our beloved Queen Elizabeth and upon your children.
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> On behalf of the Committee,
> *Georgina M. Batty, Chairman.''*

This message has a special interest for us in that it sums up the women of all our evangelical missionary organizations in one great whole; and the number, 315,000, makes us both proud and humble. To each and all of these we feel that the many missionary organizations aided by them as listed in the allocations would echo the words of Dr. Garnier of Shanghai: ''May God give back to you in blessing all the good you are doing through your prayers and your gifts.''

The letters that accompanied the contributions from all parts of the Dominion, from the Yukon and Peace River in the North and West to the farthest point of the Maritimes in the East, bring a moving realization of this great fellowship still only in its dawn. The Treasurer writes that she wishes she could have sent a personal reply to each of the women who sent contributions, so many lovely things were said in the letters, showing a wonderful spirit of devotion and a growing sense of the greatness of this day, and from them she shares a few extracts with us:

''This is the first time such a service has been held in this district and the response was most gratifying, especially considering weather conditions with icy roads. We held the service in our United Church with Anglicans, Apostolic Faith, and Church of the Latter Day Saints representatives present, and all felt it had been a wonderful time of enriching fellowship.''

''This is the first year that we have had a World Day of Prayer together, and with several ladies from the Anglican, Presbyterian and United Churches we had just a splendid service. . . We will look for better things next year now that we have organized.''

''As there was really no one in this district to look after the Day of Prayer service I did the best I could and arranged it, all over the telephone. I have not been at church or any place since early in May, as I have been a complete invalid with arthritis and have suffered terribly. . . I saw the services were to be in the Presbyterian churches, led by United Church people, but we have no Presbyterian Church in this district, so I 'phoned our minister to see if it could be in our United Church, and he agreed. I called two Anglican, the Baptist and three United Church, and gave each Church a prayer or some part in the service. Our Church took the lead. The walking was terrible and it was worse for autos, as British Columbia has had an awful winter of snow instead of our usual rainy season. They said about sixty were present and there was a good spirit throughout. . . We had no leaflets, as they were sold out by the time I arranged the meeting, but I sent an announcement to the various Churches and asked all who had them to bring the February missionary magazine. I do not know who will look after this next year. If I am still to remain crippled, I do not think it right to keep on, as some one else could do much better, but if no one is appointed I will not let the time pass without attending to it.''

''We feel delighted with our meeting. Indian women are not accustomed to activities outside their own church, but this year we talked about the programme and the joy of being able to pray for the whole world and with the women of the world, so that at last when the day came, the praying ones were ready and rejoiced at the joy it afforded us to join hand in hand and heart to heart in the world-wide opportunity to lay at the feet of our dear Lord our sincere petitions for those in other lands as well as ourselves. Then the offering was a surprise from twenty-four Indians, who seem to be unused to giving, and I believe they had real joy in their hearts. May God bless each one in other fields and Churches.''

''Enclosed find a dollar, my little towards the publication of Christian literature. Would that it were multiplied a hundred fold! 'Asking great things of God', let us pray that there may be enough to publish Miss Ho's *Life of Christ*—and a copy for every home in China. I was unable to attend service yesterday. Accept this in His name.'' From a Friend.

The writer of the Day of Prayer Programme for 1938 is Miss Alice Henderson, of New Zealand, and of the Youth Programme, Miss Isabel Griffiths, Toronto, Secretary of Young People's Work for the United Church of Canada.

The allocations it was possible to make are:

Chinese Christian Literature, Shanghai	$400.00
Chinese Christian Literature for Children	200.00
West China Press, Chengtu	100.00
''The Kingdom of God Weekly'', Japan	250.00
Japanese Christian Literature	250.00
Korean Christian Literature	500.00
Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children	600.00
Moslem Christian Literature	300.00
African Christian Literature	800.00
Indian Christian Literature	500.00
Ludhiana College, Christian Literature	100.00
Vellore College, India, for Christian Literature	100.00
Jewish Christian Literature	700.00
Canadian School of Missions	500.00
Interdenominational Leper Mission, for Christian Literature	200.00
Upper Canada Tract Society	200.00
British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada	200.00
The Board of Religious Education of Canada	200.00
	$6,100.00

—*Ernestine R. Whiteside.*

World Day of Prayer, March 4, 1938.

What To Read

By Margaret Ness

FOR information *re* Study Books see September *Glad Tidings,* page 333.

Thank-offering material is now available. Leaflets at 3c. each are: **The Moments of Her Days, Not Omitting the Fourth Stanza, Not Mine But Thine, The Christian's Song of Thanksgiving;** at 2c. each: **Without Spot, A Bit of History;** at 4c. each: **Anne's Thank-offering** (for girls), **The Troublesome Mite-Box.** Thank-offering playlets and pageants: **The Meaning of Thanksgiving** (The spirit of Missions introduces Mrs. Allright to her closest companions Ignorance, Indifference, etc.), for 13 women, 1 child, about 20 minutes, price 12c.; **Give Thanks Unto the Lord** (The seasons of the year remind audience of the many blessings), for 18 women, about one hour, if songs used, price 15c.; **The Magic Thank-offering Box** (The daughter shows the way to ''giving'' and a group of children present the final rehearsal of their missionary demonstration), for 8 women, 8 girls and 3 boys, about 30 minutes, price 15c.; **As It Was Given Unto Them** (In 4 scenes, during the conquest of Canaan, during Christ's entry into Jerusalem, after St. Bartholomew's night, in a modern parsonage), four groups could undertake presentation, about one hour, with hymns, price 15c.; **Upon Thine Altar**

(Dramatized service for Societies), price 10c. Any two of these plays will be sent on approval if 2c. postage is included with the request.

Some new books well worth reading are: **Christian Democracy,** by William Temple (20c.); **God Has A Purpose,** a brief history of Missions by Rouse (35c.); **Facing Life,** in which 'everyone's vocation' is the facing up to the problems of life in a Christian manner (30c.); **None Other Gods,** by Hooft ($1.75).

It is expected that Mrs. Goforth's life of her husband will be out shortly. The other Goforth books are: **How I Know God Answers Prayer** ($1.25), **By My Spirit** (35c.), **Miracle Lives of China** (35c.), and **Blind Chang** (25c.).

Every Auxiliary should have a copy of **They Went Forth** ($1.50), including as it does the biographies of Geddie, Black, MacGregor, Mackay, Nisbet, Wilkie, Robertson, Goforth, Caroline Macdonald, and McKenzie. Then there is the **Little Library of Biography Series** (5c. each), including the stories of Mary Slessor, Ann Judson, Carey, Knox, Calvin, Kagawa, Martyn, Chalmers, Livingstone. Two other biographies that should be on everyone's shelf are **Agnes Dickson** (45c.) and **Dr. Jessie MacBean** (20c.).

Jesus Asks a Question, the new Stuart Parker book just off the press, $1.00.

Choir of Chinese Mission, Victoria, Miss Scott and Rev. M. F. Leung.

OUR LETTER BOX

Interesting Meetings

Kobe, Japan.

THE first of our recent meetings was an ordination on the 22nd of March. It took place at the regular workers' prayer-meeting at our house and was the first ordination of a pastor to be conducted by our Church. The candidate had his examination that morning and it seemed wise to have the service in the presence of the other workers that day as the cost of having it in his own church down south would be great, because some of the pastors would have to travel to it.. The service was most impressive, and I can picture yet the solemn moment of ''laying on of hands''. He knelt on the floor in the centre of our living-room while six pastors and two elders performed that ceremony. He is to work in the Kyushu district, and just two weeks after ordination he married one of our Bible women. They should do good work.

The next meeting was the long-awaited Presbyterial. It is called Kansai Presbyterial and was held on April 6th. It was a lovely spring day and that seemed a good beginning. At one o'clock Moribe Church was the scene of happy meetings and pleasant conversation, and then, after the officers had met for a short time of prayer, the meeting started. One or two of us were deeply concerned, for our experience in carrying on such a meeting was limited. Most of the time I trembled for fear I should not understand or might need some words that I did not know. The meeting went very well. The first hour was worship hour, and Pastor Moon brought the message, Chi Syun Kim brought greetings from Presbytery; then we had the business part—roll call, minutes, reports, and election of vice-president and adviser, necessitated by the removal of Miss Sok. The reports were intensely interesting and helpful. Some eighteen Churches were represented and their delegates gave the reports. The way they did it was a credit to them; each one came up to the front, faced the audience, and read loudly enough to be heard by everyone. Some groups reported their givings as over Y300 in the year; one group of not more than twenty-five members reported that their rice-offering alone amounted to over 100 yen, and others that they had helped their church-building fund substantially. About eighty yen came in from fees, and fifty of it is being put aside for the missionary Bible woman we hope one day to send where there are Koreans who have no one to tell them of Jesus and His love for them. The ambition of many seemed to be to help support a Bible woman of their own. Moribe Church provided supper for us, and at the public meeting in the evening Pastor Han told something about Karafuto and Pastor Kim, of Wakayama, gave a fine spiritual message, so that the meeting ended, as it began, with worship. All day the very finest atmosphere prevailed. Afterwards, although after ten o'clock, we all walked the long walk to the bus road in groups of three or four, discussing the fine meeting. We realize that it was not human effort that had made it so, but the gracious presence of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of the Father in Heaven.

The day following came the induction of Pastor Kim at Wakayama. It, too, was a lovely service, except the few minutes when I had to give greetings, a task I had not done before. A week later the annual Presbytery meeting of the district was held, also a fine meeting. It began with a service of worship at which Dr. Kim gave a fine message on ''The Fruits of the Spirit''. A Communion service followed. The afternoon and evening were spent in business. . . The Nagoya Presbytery is being held to-day, and Miss MacDonald has gone up there for a few days.

. . . .

Later.

Lately I seem to have been preaching a lot on Sundays, three times in about a month, and I am booked up for four sermons in June.

The nurse has been doing a lot of good work, and now that people know about her she is being asked to speak to women's groups here and there, and soon Tonku, in Osaka, expects to have three days' study on health and hygiene. Nurse Ye was very fine during Pastor Moon's serious illness, and for two weeks stayed with him and did all she could. Everyone is very grateful, and so many say that she was sent of God in time for that purpose. She has helped in a number of homes by taking children to the doctor and by advising the mother. She is a sweet, lovely girl and so willing to do anything she can. Last Sunday she went with me to two churches in Osaka, and being with her all day gave me a fine chance to get acquainted with her.

Dr. Kim has just come back from the Kyushu district and reports good meetings down there. We are planning to have him visit Hokaido and Karafuto for a month or more this summer. I am sure Miss Oh and Miss Sok will be pleased to have him. While there he will hold Communion and Baptism services.

—*Jean MacLean.*

Eager to Hear

Tansui, Formosa.

APRIL 23rd to May 4th were days long to be remembered by Miss Hermanson and me, for we spent them travelling among the churches on the East Coast, meeting the preachers and families, hearing of their problems and successes, renewing acquaintances made five years ago when Miss Senior and I went visiting in that district. We were filled with joy at learning that several who were new hearers at that time are now baptized Christians, some having led their husbands into the fold also.

At several places we had the privilege of witnessing for Christ before quite large groups of people. Miss Hermanson also taught them about the cleanliness which is next to godliness. The dusky-skinned aboriginal people were as curious to see us as we were to see them. When in the home of one of these families we sang ''I need Thee every hour,'' in Formosan, with a blind ''savage'' boy singing in Japanese, it was hard to keep the tears back. Why should I have had the many blessings I have enjoyed and those people so few? It is difficult for us to realize the advantages which have been ours from infancy, until we see those who have been deprived of them.

The zeal of some of our Christian women put me to shame. They ride long distances on bicycle in the hot sun to preach the Word, witnessing to groups, teaching the people to sing hymns, to pray and to live nearer to our Master, who loves them. Would you walk six hours to attend church every Sunday? Some of the Christians do. Carrying babies on their backs, they start at six a.m. and arrive in time for service at nine. A simple meal is provided at the church, and between one and two o'clock they start back. I asked one of these families if they ever have service in their homes. ''Oh, yes,'' the father said, ''we meet with the members of four families near us and have family worship together.'' At one place we saw a family starting home from service in a buffalo cart with a woman walking beside the animal to urge him along.

The fellowship meal served at the church every Sunday is a great help for those Christians who come great distances. The food is provided by the Christians, the wood is brought from the woods, and the preparation is done at the manse which is usually connected with the church. The dish is called ''salty soft rice'' and is something like a stew, and very hot and appetizing. There is no dish-washing, for each person takes his bowl to the well and washes it; the chopsticks are very cheap ones, used once and cast away.

The pleasure we derived from meeting fine-looking young people from what was once one of the fiercest tribes of aborigines cannot be expressed in words. These youngsters had left home on Friday at midnight in order not to be questioned as to where they were going. After a tedious journey they arrived at the Christian worker's home with swollen feet. There they rested until Monday when they walked into the town at which Miss Hermanson and I arrived at noon. As they arrived early in the day the preacher's wife began teaching them from the new Bibles they had just bought. She became so interested in telling them the stories they had never heard that she forgot to cook the dinner. We met them about half-past one and through Chiwang, the Bible woman supported by the Formosan Women's Missionary Society, I told them the story of the feeding of the five thousand. They listened with amazement. Later an object lesson from the Easter lily was given and as Scripture verses were mentioned the "savage" boy, Saburo Sakatani, turned to them in his Bible and marked them. The following day as we were riding along the most scenic highway in Formosa, along those cliffs which rise directly out of the Pacific, we saw those same young people wending their way home to the hills with their handkerchief bundles in which were carefully wrapped their Japanese Bibles. Will you remember them in prayer? They and others like them will be the foundation for a true Church among the hill people when the time comes when restrictions are removed and we are allowed to move among them at will.

There are many promising features about the work of the Church in Formosa. Perhaps the most encouraging one is that the lay members are more awake to their responsibility to tell of their blessings to others and lead their relatives and friends to meetings where they may hear of the one true Saviour. Many places are calling for the help of a Bible woman. We haven't enough to supply the need.

—*Alma M. Burdick.*

Among the People in the Hills

Jhansi, India.

ON the 6th of May I left for Almora, a lovely though quiet little hill station in the Himalayas. The weather has been all that one could desire and the house which we have been occupying has a wonderful view of the 'eternal' snows. Ten of us, Canadian Presbyterian missionaries, have enjoyed a holiday here together living as one big family. We were all very glad when Mr. and Mrs. Young of the Bhil field joined us, as we do not see them any too often as their work is some 400 miles from Jhansi.

A foot-path crosses this property leading from the villages in the valley below us to the town of Almora. Many farmers and villagers traverse this route daily and often stop to rest within a few yards of the house, under the shade of a large deodar tree. This gave us a wonderful opportunity to give the Gospel message. Many of these people have listened gladly, some even eagerly, to the Way of Salvation as set forth in God's Word. The work among these hill people has been especially interesting and pleasant, because so many of them can read and are eager to possess a little book. The Scripture Gift Mission of

London, England, supplies very attractive little booklets containing selected portions of Scripture in Hindi and I had quite a nice stock of these, not one of which remains, and could easily have distributed two or three times as many. Last year was a famine year in this district and the Government had to come to the relief of the people by supplying grain, so although the Gospel in Hindi sells at a half-cent each, yet whenever a man asked for one, saying he could and would read it but had not the half-cent to spend for it, I felt constrained in most cases to give it free. A few, however, gladly purchased a copy.

Some of you very kindly sent me some lovely pictures such as are used in the Primary Department of the Sabbath Schools. These have been of great help to me, especially in teaching the children. The servants who live on this property had six children old enough to learn and understand simple Bible stories. These formed a nucleus of a little class which we sought to hold regularly on all fine days. When the little herd girls and boys from the villages below heard these children singing, as we sat on the hillside, they came nearer to see what it was about and finally they used to drive their cattle up near our group and leave them to graze while they joined the class. Of course, the pretty pictures were a great attraction, especially as occasionally each child was given one of these pictures for his or her very own. Never before had such pretty pictures adorned their little homes. I think all were especially interested in the story of the Angel's message to the shepherds, for are not most of them of the shepherd caste and all from villages! So it seemed easy for each child to feel that the message of a Saviour born was just meant for him or her and surely it was for just such as these that Christ came. Some days our class swelled to the number of twelve or more. Many days it even included one or more grown-ups who were attracted by the children's singing.

It has been a blessed vacation and I have enjoyed this opportunity to thus witness very much, indeed. A friend from another mission who is to be here for two weeks after we leave is planning to carry on the classes with the children. I am going to let her tell in her own words a bit about the sights seen in a Hindu religious fair or *mela*— ''Nearly nineteen hundred years have passed since the precious words, 'Behold the Lamb of God', were uttered, and yet the stream of the blood of goats offered to Goddess Kusahri and of lambs to Goddess Durga flows annually in India, and the devotee believes that his sins are placed upon the head of the sacrifice. At Nawab Ganj, twenty-seven miles from Lucknow, I was able to attend the fair and sell Christian literature daily for three days in the midst of the huge concourse of worshippers, tradesmen and curiosity-seekers there present. This year human blood also was mingled with their sacrifices; for a worshipper, after approaching the temple by measuring his length on the ground for a long disstance, cut off his own tongue in fulfilment of a vow. A young Christian police officer who was on duty at the time told me that the bleeding was terrible, and that the man was unconscious four hours. 'Yet', he added, 'every Hindu believes that the man's tongue will be restored.' A Mohammedan by-stander at once recalled a Hindu bus-driver of his acquaintance who had made the same sacrifice, and could speak as naturally afterwards as before. He would not say that the tongue was restored, only healed. But that was because he was a Mohammedan. Hindus believe that the tongue miraculously grows to its original size again. Truly 'the redemption of their life is costly, and it faileth forever.' (Psalm 49: 8). Such scenes make one realize how very very far away India is yet from realizing that 'Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us' and that His blood avails for all who will believe.''

In a recent letter our pastor in Jhansi, Mr. Moti Lall, says: ''There was a young man 22 years of age who would tear up the Christian literature distributed and talk much foolishness in opposition to the Gospel. I passed that way again and again in order to get an opportunity to talk with him. Last week he met me and again opposed me. I talked with him and later he felt so different he accompanied me to the bazaar and said he wanted to attend our Church. Sunday morning he came and I showed him the building and described how we worshipped. After that I told him of my experience of finding Salvation in the Lord. The young man began to ask forgiveness for all his past foolish conduct and promised never to act so again and also expressed his desire to be a follower of our Lord. He came to our service in the evening, the first Christian worship he had ever seen. The young man's attitude and everything about him is changed now, as he has begun to love the Lord.''

Though we in India may have a more interesting part in this work of the Lord, yet to you is given the joy and privilege of sharing in the most important, most powerful and most fruit-producing part of the work, that part known as intercessory prayer, without which we cannot hope to see one soul won for Christ. So I would leave with you just one short word found in I Thess. 5: 25; were I to add to that, it would be I Thess. 5: 17. I do urge that all may be much in prayer for the ingathering of souls and the glorifying of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ here in India. We praise Him for all the tokens of His love and grace and for the opportunities of telling others of His love. We would also praise Him for the signs and indications that the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of the people in Jhansi and vicinity and how we shall rejoice to see the day when many who as yet do not know Him shall come to acknowledge Him as Lord and Saviour!

—*Elizabeth Thurrott.*

Two Points of View

Landour, India.

IN speaking to the language students concerning mass movements into Christianity in India, Bishop Pickett approached his subject by giving us sketches of the two men who are outstanding in the problem of the Untouchables.

Dr. Ambedkar, himself an Untouchable, has, despite opposition and because of the generosity of a Hindu Prince, been able to receive an amazing culture. He is a distinguished graduate in law, science and philosophy of universities in Britain and America. Nevertheless, in India he is boycotted as an outcaste. At first he was not allowed to rent a home in a decent neighbourhood and even now no high caste Hindu will ask him to plead his case. Dr. Ambedkar realizes that these opportunities must have been given to him for a purpose, and he believes that his work is in the bettering of the condition of the Untouchables. He has tried to work through the Government and, although he was an efficient political leader, he has come to realize that no real progress can be made by this means in India at present. He first took his stand against Gandhi in this field. He said that his people are what they are because of the central concept of Hinduism—that of believing that they are degraded because of the sins of their ancestors. This poison can only be treated by the antidote of new concepts. This, Bishop Pickett pointed out, was an advance in Dr. Ambedkar's thought, because he had come back from the West an agnostic. He said that the only way India can solve her problems is by group action. He believes that Christian Missions have not made more progress because of the individualistic methods. He contends that Christ talked in terms of kingdoms more than individuals. The Christian Church in India has removed leaders from among the people and so cut off their influence. The chief occupation of many Christian Untouchables is to cover up their outcaste origin. He finds in the Gospels just what his people need, but not in the Christian Church. He knows the sort of Church which is dependent on the missionaries for leadership and occupation. Bishop Pickett says that he has and uses the most complete library on Christ in India. In reply to a letter from Bishop Pickett telling of groups of low castes coming into the Christian Church in South India, he said, ''I don't care what religion they accept so long as they leave Hinduism, but I have a great respect for Christianity.''

Mr. Gandhi, while the recipient of much prayer of Christians, is to-day the chief antagonist of Christian Missions in India. He is particularly against mass movements. He demands that the Church in India cease its efforts on behalf of the Untouchables, on the plea that it is dishonest to convert them because they are devoid of understanding. If the Church will work upon the high castes who are capable of understanding the issues, then he will give the cause his sympathy. Gandhi proposes to attack Christian Missions by: (1) an appeal to educated Christians to disown those who work for Untouchables; (2) an appeal to the constituency of Mission Boards on the ground that mass movements of outcastes into the Christian Church are preventing the achievement of national unity; (3) with the development of provincial autonomy the Hindus will attempt to control conversions.

—*E. Winchester.*

Golden Ridge Sunday School

Dixonville, Alberta.

I AM sending a snapshot of our Sunday School scholars at Golden Ridge, twelve miles away. It is the first time many of the little ones have had a Sunday School near enough to attend. As Mr. Hutchison was unable to go on Sunday I was given the privilege of taking the School. Their enjoyment and interest far more than compensates for the long and often hot ride. When all the summer activities are over they are anxious to form a young people's society.

The girl at the end of the back row is Helen, one of my Sunday School class here in Dixonville. She is just fifteen, but she delights in riding with me each Sunday morning and teaching the Junior class. The Intermediate I take myself, and one of the ladies leads the Adult Bible Class.

—*Verlie Evans.*

Hearing oftentimes
The still, sad music of humanity.

—*Wordsworth.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD FOR THANK-OFFERING MEETING

Call to Praise—Almighty God, who from Thy habitation beholdeth all the sons of men and fashioneth their hearts alike, we give Thee most humble thanks for the revelation of Thyself in Thy Son Jesus Christ; for the commission to Thy Church to proclaim the Gospel to every creature; for the apostles who, in obedience to Thy will, carried the Gospel throughout the world; for those who have gone to the ends of the earth to bring light to them that dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death; for the innumerable company who now praise Thy name out of every kindred and nation and tongue. To Thee be ascribed the praise of their faith forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 82.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 96.

The Song of Thanksgiving.

Prayer.

The Song of Thanksgiving

The mountains break forth into singing,
The valleys shout for joy,
The trees of the wood sing out,
At the presence of the Lord.

While these songs of nature make sweet melody, no music so gladdens the heart of the Creator as the song of Thanksgiving from God's own people. Moses learned it at the burning bush. Miriam sang it when with her maidens she led the great praise service of Israel. Abraham sang it when he received the Lord's promises, yet saw them afar off. It was heard in the gentle voice of Ruth, when she chose God to be her God, His people to be her people. It was the universal song of David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel. It was the song of Anna, the prophetess in the temple, when she was permitted to behold the Christ-Child. It was sung by the woman of Samaria as she made known the new-found Messiah to her people.

Thus the songs of Thanksgiving have echoed down through the centuries, in each succeeding era the notes becoming more full and harmonious, until at the present time no music so stirs the hearts of God's people as the Psalms of gratitude and praise.

But should gratitude end in song? Does God require nothing more at the hands of His people? Going step by step back along the centuries we find that from earliest times God has been worshipped by offerings—

free-will offerings, peace offerings, offerings of devotion, offerings of sacrifice.

A singularly beautiful incident in our Lord's life told in the Gospels is that of the breaking of the alabaster box of ointment. That offering pleased Him because it was a proof of love. He values still the gift that costs. He appreciates the sacrifices that His people make to send His words to the uttermost parts of the earth. It may be a small gift that some humble follower makes, but He who can read motives is pleased when He sees that love of Him prompted it, and He says: ''She has done what she could.'' Have we done what we could?

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

SOMEONE was kind enough to give me a copy of ''News of Presbyterian Girls' Fellowship'', and I found there an article dealing with a question which is often asked by our leaders: ''How to arouse the missionary interest'', and I was so impressed that I am passing it on.

Sometimes we are inclined to neglect the missionary side of our programme and think it can be dropped for the social. Here we give some reasons why the missionary nights should be the most interesting, and some practical suggestions on how to make them so.

''First of all, we must change our attitude, and not look on missionary study as a duty, but as awfully good fun. We are keen to see other countries. Who would refuse an offer of a cruise? And yet it is even greater fun to live in a country and get to the people's homes, see through their eyes, and know them personally. Through our missionaries, we as members of the P.G.F. can do all these things. People sometimes say that missionaries are out of date, and think of the Islands and Korea as some vague place where the Presbyterians outside of Australia live. But can there be really anything more up to date and more urgently needed than the teaching of missionaries? The need of the world is friendship, not warships, and the spreading of that friendship is what we, through our missionaries, can help to do.

''How can we make our missionary nights such that the girls will not want to miss them?

1. Don't talk so much in terms of obligation, duty and privilege, but say, 'We have a share in the work that various people are doing.'

2. Try not to sentimentalize over missionary work. Missionaries

are not angels whose work belongs to heaven, but real, interesting, live people who are friends, and desire friendships.

3. Let us get a background for our knowledge of the mission fields. Study the people, their history, and their customs. (Use the *Glad Tidings* and Study Books.)

4. Get a vivid picture of the people by asking for speakers who have lived among them.

5. Know your own workers. Correspond with people of other lands.

6. Use missionary plays and stories.

Missionary work is not a dull obligation, but a wonderful adventure, in which all those who belong to the company of followers of Jesus Christ will want to share.''

It is interesting, is it not, to find that the problem of creating interest in the missionary work of the Church is not confined to Canada, but that the leaders in our sister Dominion are facing the same questions as ourselves? I trust that you will find in their attempt to answer the questions something which will help your groups to realize the importance of your missionary programme and the responsibility which rests upon each leader and each girl to make the missionary nights the feature nights of your group meetings.

I hope you will give these suggestions a trial, and I shall be pleased to hear from groups who have done so.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

OUR INDIANS CELEBRATE

DIANTHA and Daisy were greatly excited, and no wonder! True, they had played ''Indian'' with Bobbie, their brother. Indeed, one day he had tied them to a tree; then dressed in his Indian suit, head feathers and all, had danced around them, waving his ''tomahawk''. Diantha said it gave her ''beautiful creeps inside'', while Daisy had ''de-licious thrills''. But this was different. This was *real,* for with their father and mother they had followed the famous Hudson's Bay trail, and were actually on an Indian Reserve. ''Mistawasis!'' wondered Diantha, ''why this queer name?''

''It sounds like wind in the tree-tops,'' said Daddy. ''Indian names are very clever and descriptive—the river we crossed to-day is the Saskatchewan, which means 'swiftly flowing water'.''

''Why are there so many here to-day, Daddy?'' asked Daisy.

''It is a combined Thanksgiving and Diamond Jubilee; it is sixty years since Carlton Treaty No. 6 was signed.''

The children were too excited to ask about treaties. ''Daddy, mother, look!'' they exclaimed. And it was something to look at—more than two thousand Indians marching in parade! ''Oh, see them!'' And again Diantha had ''beautiful creeps inside'', for there they were, marching past in their fanciful dress, beads, feathers and all, faces set and unsmiling.

''I like Indians,'' confided Diantha shyly. ''Our Mission Band leader says there are many in Canada without the Gospel.''

''That's true,'' said her mother. ''Our Presbyterian Church helps to give them the good news, and our Women's Missionary Society is doing its share. Many of the Indians we are watching are members of our Church. Oh, look, girls! The Indians are about to honour the Governor-General.''

With shining eyes, parted lips and flushed cheeks, they watched this strange ceremony which made the King's representative in Canada (who is a Presbyterian Elder) ''blood brother'' to our Indians.

''Now they are giving him an Indian costume,'' noticed Diantha; ''and such a gorgeous robe!''

''What is it made of?'' Daisy wanted to know.

''It is cariboo skin,'' replied Daddy, as their mother exclaimed, ''What beautiful rich embroidery!''

Suddenly all grew very solemn and quiet, till Diantha whispered, ''O-oh, what a magnificent feather head-dress!''

''The Indians love ceremony,'' explained Daddy after a short silence. ''They are giving His Excellency an Indian name, Okemow Otataowkow.''

''Oh, what a name!'' gasped Daisy.

Mother smiled. ''It is a very fitting name, for it means 'teller of tales'.''

Diantha actually jumped in her excitement. ''I know why! It's because Lord Tweedsmuir writes such wonderful stories, and when he does, he calls himself John Buchan, doesn't he, Daddy?''

Altogether, it was a day to be remembered. At the close Daddy said, ''While these Indians keep their old traditions in dress and song, many of them have accepted the Christian religion.'' ''I am so proud,'' their mother added, ''that this celebration was arranged by our Presbyterian missionary at Mistawasis.''

But the little girls said to each other, ''When we get home, we will tell the Mission Band all about to-day.''

—(Mrs. J. R.) Belle C. Hill.

Based on an item in the June *Glad Tidings.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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CALGARY P.S.—From Banff comes the cheering news that the Auxiliary is holding regular meetings and the work of the Home Helpers Department has been greatly stimulated by the President's explanation of the meaning of ''Home Helpers''. The Mission Band members are busy with a quilt and scrap books for the Christmas bale. They hold a devotional meeting every two weeks.

The Mission Band rally in Grace Church, Calgary, was well attended. The Bands worked together whole-heartedly and the theme was ''Missions''. The little Burnett sisters of North Hill Mission Band gave two pleasing duets; Grace Mission Band presented the play ''Curious Cradles of other Lands'', and Knox Band, ''A Mite-Box Demonstration.'' Mrs. T. A. Rodger, who presided, gave an address on ''Our Pioneers'', and Dr. L. L. Young spoke about the Koreans in Japan.

Red Deer P.S.—Three enthusiastic sectional meetings were held in the early summer. At Innisfail 31 were present, Mrs. Roy McArthur presiding. Mrs. McGorman, Penhold, Miss Bamsay, Innisfail, Mrs. Rabideau, Willowdale, with Miss Macdonald, deaconess, and Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, were the speakers. Miss Lamont stressed the point that we as Christians are pledged to give homage to Christ and make His voice heard around the world, just as our earthly King's voice was on Coronation Day. At Olds, 45 delegates from Dog Pound, Carstairs, Innes Lake and Olds met. Mrs. Williamson, Carstairs, gave a helpful paper on ''Prayer'', and Mrs. Taylor, Carstairs, sang a delightful solo. Miss Helen Wright reported for the Mission Band, and Olds Band members contributed a pleasing musical number. Miss Macdonald spoke on organization of groups and Mission Band work. Miss Lamont followed her address with an appeal for workers, and offered splendid suggestions for the coming year. Mrs. W. S. McKinnon was in the chair. At Sylvan Lake an afternoon of fellowship and inspiration was enjoyed by 37 from Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Benalto and Rocky Mountain House. Papers dealing with missionary work overseas, Young Women's and Girls' work were given. Miss Lamont spoke of the influence of good women, and Miss Macdonald told of the success of the other sectional meetings and the decision to hold them annually.

In June the Home Helpers of Knox Church Auxiliary, Red Deer, gave the programme. Their Secretary, Mrs. Hanna, gave a concise review of the work and givings of this department since 1925. Mrs.

Burnett read the Scripture lesson, Isaiah 55, Mrs. Barrett read Mrs. H. R. Horne's interesting story, ''There is Something I can Do'', and Mrs. Gillespie read a paper on the founding of the Home Helpers Department, referring to the loving and often sacrificial labours and givings of the members.

Mrs. McGorman spoke recently to the Penhold Ladies' Aid (affiliated). A missionary box is on the table at every meeting for the Special Retiring Fund, and each member is expected to put in her pennies and birthday pennies the month of her birthday.

Knox Mission Band, Red Deer, recently presented their annual programme, consisting of a pageant, ''The Shining Light'', and recitations and songs. Afterwards the W.M.S. Auxiliary entertained the Band members and their mothers to lunch.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KOOTENAY P.S.—At the June meeting of the Marion Oliver Mission Band, Cranbrook, Archibald Alan McKinnon, Jr., was presented with a Junior certificate by his grandmother, Mrs. A. A. McKinnon, Victoria.

The Ellen Dow Mission Band, Creston, closed for the summer with a picnic at which twenty members were present. Ten members are qualifying for the Honour Member tests. Mite-boxes were brought in; one former member sent in hers and is remaining a member in the Home Helpers Department.

While in New Denver, Miss Blyth, deaconess of the Presbyterian Church, organized a Mission Band of boys and girls under teen age. The leader, a young Church member, and the children are greatly interested in the work and eager to do their part. Twelve to fourteen have attended their two meetings. New Denver Auxiliary prides itself on having 100 per cent. attendance at meetings and always meeting its allocation. So good things are expected from the Mission Band. The Auxiliary and Mission Band held a joint picnic at Kildare Park in July, an enjoyable afternoon for old and young alike. New Denver thinks it a good idea for the Auxiliary to play as well as work with the Mission Band.

Westminster P.S.—Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver, held a get-together garden party on July 29th.

In Prince Rupert Miss Ellen Douglas reached a greater number by speaking at the Sunday service on July 4th. As always, she thrilled her audience with her graphic account of her life and work among the Bhils in India. The Prince Rupert Auxiliary, too, was greatly helped by Mrs. W. G. Gourlie's visit.

In St. Andrew's Church Hall on July 6th, to a deeply interested audience representative of the Presbyterian Churches of New Westminster, Miss Margaret Grigor, deaconess of Wanham, Alberta, gave an outline of her work in the Peace River district. Soon after she went to Wanham, with a grant from the Board of Missions and donations of lumber, a church and manse were built by voluntary work, and now Prestville has a church, built under similar conditions, and the manse would soon be ready. Services and meetings, besides fulfilling their primary purpose, give an opportunity for the Christian companionship so sorely needed in isolated places and for the building up of a new Canadian community founded on the best traditions of the different nationalities represented. In June 150 children from eight Mission Bands attended a rally at Wanham. One 15-year-old leader came twenty-three miles on horseback and took back to her Band (named by a little Ukrainian boy ''The Saviour's Lambs'') the banner awarded for Scripture memorization and knowledge of missionary work. On Sunday, after Sunday School and morning service at Wanham, Miss Grigor drives fifteen miles to Heart Valley to conduct Sunday School and afternoon service, and on six or eight miles for evening service at another station. Besides the four regular stations she tries to help at four other places. Mrs. Ledingham spoke of Miss Grigor's devotion to her work and of the appreciation and affection of those she serves.

A very enjoyable evening was held at the home of Mrs. G. Ellis when the ladies of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Vancouver, presented their President, Mrs. C. A. Pamplin, with a Life Membership certificate as a tribute to her faithful services. Miss B. Allen, Honorary President, also presented Mrs. Pamplin with her own Life Membership pin, expressing the hope that it would be none the less appreciated for having been worn.

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THE 23rd annual meeting of Brandon Presbyterial was held in First Church, Brandon, on June 10th. Mrs. J. A. Gray presided. The morning session opened with a Communion service conducted by Rev. W. J. Allen, of St. Andrew's, Brandon. His message, based on the scene in the Upper Room, was an inspiration throughout the day. The attendance was very gratifying, and departmental reports were encouraging. Portage la Prairie and Hartney Auxiliaries led in the closing devotions morning and afternoon. In the afternoon Mrs. Gray welcomed the delegates, referred to the hope, courage and faith revealed in the reports, which showed difficulties had been changed into opportunities for service, and asked that next year each would do her part to make the work larger and better. Mrs. Foster, Elphinstone, replied. Miss Bessie Turnbull delivered a splendid address on her work among the

Hindus in India, stressing the medical and evangelical phases of the work. In closing, she said, ''Are we as leaders in our different Churches doing our share in this work? What health is to the body, that is holiness to the soul. . . . Let God use us. Let us all be missionaries.'' Mrs. Evans, President, brought greetings from the Provincial Society, Mrs. Martin from Winnipeg Presbyterial, Rev. J. S. Flook from Presbytery, and a letter was received from Superior Presbyterial.

Miss Kate Duncan conducted the Mission Band hour. Members of the Goforth Mission Band, St. Andrew's, and the Elizabeth L. Abey Mission Band, First Church, took part in the programme. Mrs. White spoke briefly, appealing for a Mission Band in every congregation. She told of her Bands holding a picnic and marching through the town singing ''Onward, Christian Soldiers,'' and waving flags. Elphinstone realized they had a Mission Band. Mrs. R. Patterson, Glenboro, installed the officers. At the supper hour a letter was read from Mrs. Medd telling of the work in Winnipegosis. Miss E. Ames, Neepawa, led in the devotional service in the evening. The Rev. Gordon Maclean, Winnipeg, gave a very inspiring address on ''The Motive Power behind Missionary Work''. In the closing message, Mrs. J. F. Wedderburn recalled the setting up of the stone Ebenezer. ''That stone,'' she said, ''was a landmark in the history of the Israelites; and such, to some extent, is this meeting to us to-day. From our hearts we can say, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us'. May it be for us a starting-point of a new and better experience. May there be a re-dedication and reconsecration of our lives to Him who says, 'Behold, I make all things new.' May we as members of a great Society invest more and more in Christ that our endeavours both at home and overseas may be crowned with abundant success.''

ONTARIO

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IT is with deepest regret we report the death on August 5th of Mrs. G. Ramsden, the mother of Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Ontario Provincial President. To our beloved President we offer our heartfelt sympathy. May she know that our hearts and prayers are with her in these sad days of bereavement.

Three successful Mission Band rallies were held in July. At St. Andrew's Church, Lancaster, Mrs. A. D. Stewart, Glengarry Mission Band Secretary, presided. Dr. Donald MacMillan, Moderator of Presbytery, and Mrs. Mason McLennan, Presbyterial President, addressed the children, and a programme of songs and missionary sketches was given by the Band members. To the Orangeville rally of over one hundred Band members Mrs. J. R. Hill, Provincial Mission Band Secretary, sent an inspirational message based on four Scripture passages—St. John 4: 35; St. Matthew 9: 38 and 10: 8; and St. Mark 16: 15—Look, Pray, Give, Go. Games and luncheon added much to a happy occasion. At a large rally in Mount Forest, Saugeen P.S., Arthur, Durham, and Amos, Dromore, won first, second and third places respectively. Susie Morrison, of the Conn Band, received the award for the best essay on the ''Life of Dr. Jonathan Goforth''.

Nairn Auxiliary, Sarnia P.S., celebrated its 50th anniversary with over 150 present; of sixty charter members ten are still living and seven were present. Mrs. A. B. Macdonald, Provincial Welcome and Welfare Secretary, a charter member of Nairn Mission Band, conveyed greetings from the Provincial Society. The Auxiliary presented her with a band for her Honorary Membership pin. Mrs. C. H. McDougall spoke on ''Presbyterian W.M.S. Work from 1864 to 1937.'' An impressive memorial service was conducted. Mrs. David Stewart, the oldest charter member present, cut the birthday cake.

Brockville Presbyterial reports a successful sectional meeting at Dixon's Corners. Mrs. C. Stewart presided and Mrs. James Brodie reported the Provincial meeting. Reports were encouraging. Dixon's Auxiliary served refreshments on the lawn.

At the August meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Mitchell, Stratford P.S., Mrs. W. Porteous, to mark her ninetieth birthday, presented her sister, Miss Sara Anderson, with an Honorary Membership certificate. In July St. Andrew's Auxiliary meeting, Stratford, was in charge of the young girls, to three of whom the senior members presented seals, two thus completing their Life Membership certificates.

Over 500 members and friends attended the celebration of Barrie Presbyterial's Golden Jubilee in First Church, Collingwood. A concise history, ''The Growth of Barrie Presbyterial, 1887-1937'', was given by Mrs. J. H. Eaton. Mrs. M. W. Heslip, Penetanguishene, conducted the candle-lighting service. In a Service of Remembrance tribute was paid the early workers and all who have passed to their reward; during the singing of ''Crossing the Bar'', a basket of golden roses was placed on the altar in memory of Mrs. K. Cameron, Allandale. Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Provincial President, installed the officers. Rev. Allan Reoch spoke on his work in Manchuria. Other honoured guests were Dr. Jessie MacBean; Miss Isabel Taylor, Formosa; Miss Roberta Smith, former deaconess; Miss Laura K. Pelton, Mrs. Donald Gordon, of the Council Executive, and Miss E. B. Campbell, formerly a missionary in West Africa. The birthday cake adorned with fifty golden candles was cut by the three oldest members, all Honorary Presidents—Mrs. McRae, Mrs. W. Malcolm and Mrs. J. McL. Stevenson. In Memoriam, Life Membership, Junior Membership certificates and one seal, forty in all, were presented by Mrs. L. E. Gosselin, Presbyterial Secretary. Cookstown Mission Band received the banner.

During May and June seven successful sectional meetings were held in Hamilton Presbyterial. Miss Ellen Douglas, Jobat, India was the speaker at Grimsby and Kilbride. Port Colborne and Fort Erie heard Rev. Allan Reoch, Manchuria. Mrs. A. E. Wright, formerly of the Peace River district, spoke at Kirkwall and Port Dover, while Mrs. S. M. Ericson of the Southern Presbyterian Church of the United States, on furlough from Kobe, Japan, was the speaker at Binbrook. Each speaker bore convincing testimony to Christ's love and power to save; graphic stories from their respective fields challenged each hearer.

At the June conference of Stratford Presbyterial in historic St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, Miss J. McGrigor presiding, Mrs. J. D. Holman and Mrs. J. Inkster, Toronto, were the special speakers. Tokens of love and appreciation were presented Mrs. G. P. Duncan, an address and Honorary Membership and pin, and flowers from the Mission Band. In an instructive discussion led by Mrs. C. W. Johnson and Miss M. B. Tier questions of vital importance were asked and answered. Individual enthusiasm, individual interest and individual responsibility on the part of every member were urged.

The Sunshine Evening Auxiliary, Leamington, entertained members of the Knox Auxiliary and the Isabel McConnell Y.W.A. at their June meeting when the contents of their bale, a complete outfit for a fourteen-year-old girl, were on display. St. Andrew's, Windsor, held a tea and sale of home-cooking; over 150 guests attended. Interesting reports of Provincial and Presbyterial meetings were given to Auxiliaries in Ridgetown and Thamesville. In Valetta, in Kent county, live Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher, pioneers in the Church in that district who came from Scotland sixty-five years ago. On their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary on June 28th two of their grandchildren were baptized. Mrs. Fletcher, a charter member of the Valetta Auxiliary, is still active in the work. At a recent Auxiliary meeting she led in prayer and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. F. Fletcher, Chatham, (Presbyterial Supply Secretary and Provincial Exchange Secretary) spoke on Supply work and also played for her daughter who sang.

Mrs. George Cooper, Willowdale, was hostess to a large group of W.M.S. members from Thornhill, Willowdale and Besa Churches. Mrs. A. C. Stewart, Toronto, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. Donald Hendry were the special speakers. To the 22nd annual meeting of section five, Toronto Presbyterial, in Stouffville, Mrs. Hall, first Vice-President of the Presbyterial, brought greetings. Auxiliary members were asked to pray daily at 9 a.m. for the Society's missionary work. Mrs. J. F. M. Bingham made a plea for increased activity and more warmth and zeal in our efforts to accomplish our aim, ''The World for Christ''. Reports showed increased givings.

At the summer conference of Paris Presbyterial in Mount Pleasant Church, Rev. Allan Reoch, Szepingkai, Manchuria, spoke at both sessions. The President, Mrs. T. E. Langford, introduced Miss Helena Gibbs, Simcoe, and Mrs. L. Gehman, Galt, appointed to Manchuria. Miss Gibbs was presented with a wardrobe trunk, an Honorary membership certificate and pin. Mrs. Gehman received a gift of money from the Presbyterial.

QUEBEC

Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell, 251 Outremont Ave., Outremont, Press Secretary

ON Saturday afternoon, June 26th, the annual Y.W.A. rally was held at Huntingdon. Seven Auxiliaries and one affiliated group were represented, forty-six members answering to the roll call. Georgetown, the only Auxiliary not represented, sent an excellent report showing real interest and splendid work in progress.

Mrs. W. E. Baker, Presbyterial President, opened the meeting and congratulated the young women on their excellent attendance and interest. Mrs. A. D. McGregor, Y.W. Vice-President for the district, then took the chair, and Mrs. Allan Hooker, Ormstown, was appointed secretary for the meeting. Miss Margaret MacDiarmid, President of the Young Women's Leaders' Fellowship, led in the devotional period. Miss Barbara Dougherty, Provincial Young Women's Secretary, brought a message from that Board, after which Mrs. McGregor very briefly summed up the year's work in the district. Reports from groups were presented. Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Assistant Presbyterial Y.W. Secretary, conducted a most helpful and novel discussion period, based on the answers to carefully selected questions which Mrs. McGregor had sent out previously. Two violin selections by Miss E. Purcell, of Huntingdon, and Miss H. Gnaedinger, of Valleyfield, added much to the enjoyment of the meeting. The principal address was given by Mrs. Owen Rede Campbell, who is always so ready to help in the Y.W. work. Three Presbyterial Secretaries spoke of the work of their respective departments: Mrs. M. E. Pritchard, Supply; Mrs. G. White Smith, Home Helpers; and Mrs. R. A. Sewell, *Glad Tidings.* Tea was served by the members of the Huntingdon Y.W.A.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. R. M. Paterson, Luseland, Press Secretary

SASKATOON P.S.—Twenty-seven members and friends of the Dinsmore Auxiliary made their annual visit to the home of Mrs. Kenneth McLean, an invalid, to whom a window-box filled with flowers was presented. Mr. Gasler, student missionary, spoke briefly of the Saskatoon Summer School.

To the Robertson Auxiliary, Saskatoon, the Rev. D. A. Smith, Vancouver, Superintendent of Chinese work, gave an interesting account of his work, mentioning especially the New Life Movement among the youth of that race.

In June St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, held a supper meeting at the Presbyterian Residence, with members of Robertson Auxiliary as guests. As it was a Home Helpers meeting the Secretary of that department reported on the very successful work being done under their new system of having different ladies cover different districts. The study period was devoted to the Peace River district.

Rev. R. Rowat spoke at the Home Helpers meeting of the Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, on ''The Upward Look, the Backward Look, and the Forward Look''.

Moose Jaw P.S.—The Lily Simpson Mission Band, Weyburn, invited all interested in Mission Band work to their June meeting. Mrs. Staveley, Auxiliary President, gave an interesting talk on Junior membership, and announced that the Mission Band and their friends had made it possible to present Betty Reiner, President of the Band and a member for nine years, with a Junior Membership in the Women's Missionary Society. She and her family, all faithful workers in Knox Church, are leaving to make their home in British Columbia. Mrs. Douglas, Band leader, presented the certificate and Mrs. Mitchell fastened on the pin.

The Ephraim Scott Mission Band, Prince Albert, presented an interesting entertainment in the Church Hall. An illustrated talk on the life of David Livingstone was given, and a play, ''The Garden of the Heart'', in which thirty children took part. Several of the members are following the outline of study for the Honour Member Contest.

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June, July, August, 1937

RECEIPTS	
Refund on Lantern Slides	$ 4.48
Refund from Canora Hospital for Nurse's salary	320.00
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Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	5,682.19
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PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
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	$31,936.56

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Chinese in Canada	1,798.21
Birtle Indian School	1,691.31
Government grant paid to Birtle Indian School	4,459.83
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Estate of the late Mrs. J. D. Burns, through Knox's Church Auxiliary, Galt, Ont.	200.00
Interest	3.22
Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—	
Alberta	38.00
British Columbia	30.00
Ontario	328.06
Interest	126.35
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	22.50
	$1,951.51

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Special Fund (Indian Reserve Fund)—	
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Alberta

Provincial Officers—page 93—Literature and *Glad Tidings* Secretary, Mrs. G. Scott, address should be 9208 89th St., Edmonton.

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The Glad Tidings

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If Vision Dies

"Your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams."

We pray Thee, Lord, if, in the years before us,
The splendid vision of our youth should fade,
And hearts grow old—till nothing can restore us
The shining city that our young hands made;

If, in the blood and grime and tears of living,
Our zeal is squandered and our valour dies,
The magic tracks of youth no longer giving
Wide vistas of brave hilltops, nobler skies;

Then, in Thy mercy, when our hopes are broken,
And we grope blindly for a guiding gleam,
Fulfil the promise by Thy prophets spoken,
And, for our vanished vision, send the dream.

So we may see beyond our day and hour,
Along the slow procession of the years
The plan and purpose of the Eternal Power,
And, in its fabric, all our joys and tears.

Oh, grant us, Lord, when failures seem unending
And vision dies along the paths we trod,
That, in the dream, we come to comprehending
The world's defeats are victories for God.

—C. M. Maclellan, in *Life and Work.*

Editorial

Elected to the Council Executive

IN September Mrs. J. M. Warren was elected a member of the Council Executive. In her own Auxiliary and on the executive of Toronto Presbyterial since 1933, first as General Interests Secretary and for the past two years as Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Warren has a record of service in the Women's Missionary Society which should make her a valuable member of the Board.

Another Resignation

THE Council Executive has suffered another serious loss in the resignation of Mrs. A. E. Stevens. As a member of the Board and Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Mrs. Stevens has shown a keen interest in the work of the Society and a deep sense of its opportunity for service among new Canadians. Her resignation was accepted with sincere regret.

Help Gladly Given

HAVING heard the report made to the Executive of the Board of Missions on the unprecedented situation the Church has to face in Saskatchewan, the Council Executive, sensible of responsibility to the women of our Church in that province, has given $1,000 for the aid of ministers in the drought areas. This amount has been taken from the Sustaining Fund.

The Chinese Mission, Toronto

IT is with profound satisfaction that the Council Executive announces that Dr. Jessie MacBean has been appointed superintendent, for the present, of the Society's work at the Chinese Mission, Toronto. Dr. MacBean's long service in China as a medical missionary has given her a knowledge of the Chinese language and an understanding of the Chinese people that make her a most valuable worker among the women and young people of the Mission.

Enforced Delay Used to Advantage

MRS. GEHMAN and Miss Gibbs, whose departure for Manchuria has been indefinitely postponed because of war conditions in the far East, are engaged in work which will further fit them for service overseas. Mrs. Gehman, anxious for more training for Public Health work in Manchuria, is taking a course in Public Health at the School of Nursing, in Toronto; and Miss Gibbs is assisting in the work of the Chinese Mission, in Toronto.

Dr. Winchester's Return

IT was sad news that reached the Board some weeks ago that, owing to serious illness, Dr. Effie Winchester, who had gone to India just a year before, had to return home. As it was necessary that she have a nurse with her, she was accompanied by Miss Bessie MacMurchy, of Jobat, whose furlough was thus advanced about six months. They left Bombay on the 17th September, the same day on which Dr. and Mrs. Quinn sailed from Montreal for India, where Dr. Quinn is to be in charge of the Jobat Hospital, to which Dr. Winchester was appointed pending a permanent appointment by the Board of Missions. We all wish for Dr. Winchester a complete and rapid recovery.

Welcome and Farewell

ON the 5th October the Council Executive welcomed home a missionary on her first furlough from Formosa and bade farewell to two missionaries about to leave for their fields in India. Miss Hermanson's first term at the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, had been a period of great difficulty and uncertainty in mission work there, but all workers, she said, were very busy now, looking forward to brighter times. The reorganized Women's School would, they hoped, be a real Training Home for Formosan workers. In the hospital a number of departments have been reorganized, and improvements and redecorating have made working conditions easier and pleasanter. On behalf of the nurses Miss Hermanson thanked the Society for their renovated living quarters. More equipment and greater efficiency have brought in more money, as more paying patients can be cared for. Miss Hermanson was on her way to her home in Western Canada for three months' rest before undertaking any deputation work.

Miss Ellen Douglas was sailing on 8th October to return to the Bhil Field in India. She had had, she said, a splendid furlough and was looking forward to the hard work awaiting her at Jobat. Miss Edith M. Magee was accompanying her, glad of the opportunity to begin a first term of service at Jhansi.

Assistant Young Women's Travelling Secretary

THE appointment is announced of Miss Tsuyuko Negoro, B.A., of Vancouver, British Columbia, to the position of Assistant Young Women's Travelling Secretary. Miss Negoro graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1930, completing her Teacher's Training course the following year. Connected with Robertson Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, she has been actively engaged in the work of our Women's Missionary Society since childhood, serving successively as president of a Mission Band, as member of a Girls' Auxiliary and president of a Young Women's Auxiliary. At the time of her appointment Miss Negoro was second Vice-President of the Vancouver Y.W.A. Fellowship, taught a Sunday School class of teen-age girls and was associated with an Explorers' group as one of the Councillors. She is eminently qualified to undertake her work in the Young Women's Department.—F.D.H.

Three Little Missionaries

WE are pleased to announce that three little members have been welcomed to the Church mission staff in India, through the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cheshire, Jhansi, on June 22nd; a son to Rev. and Mrs. D. E. McDonald, Jobat, on August 24th; and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacKay, Jhansi, on September 26th.

Visitors at the Council Executive Meeting

A MISSIONARY home on furlough, a new missionary about to leave for an overseas field, and a Home Mission Convener bringing news of workers busy on their fields in the Peace River district—all at the Council Executive meeting of the 21st September.

On behalf of the missionaries in Manchuria, Mrs. Reoch thanked the Society for the beautiful home provided for the two young women who were going out and for the grant given to Mrs. Davis for the women's classes. She herself helps Mrs. Davis in these classes and explained to the members of the Council Executive how they carry on work among the women. They visit the women in their homes, Christian homes and those to which they have been directly or indirectly invited. In a Christian home the neighbours are usually called in to listen. The women love to be given tracts and love to sing, so that the song on some tracts furnishes a starting-point for teaching. Posters are useful, as the women are at once interested in the pictures and ready to listen to the story and to the explanation of the Scripture passage. The picture of the Crucifixion was the one they liked best to begin with. In the autumn they try, Mrs. Reoch said, to have a two-week Bible class for Church members, having an examination at the close and giving a certificate or statement of the work done. After two weeks at one church they go on to another to teach another group for two weeks. In the spring two-week classes are held in the same places, to continue the work. Their aim is to carry on the teaching systematically for six years, then replace the small certificates or records of work by larger certificates. In the spring, too, Mrs. Davis conducts a big Bible class for six weeks for all untrained workers,—others interested may attend at their own expense. Hygiene is included in the six-weeks' course of study. Mrs. Davis has had this class for four years and is planning a graduation for those who have completed the four-years' course. Mrs. Reoch paid high tribute to Mrs. Davis' splendid work. From Szepingkai, where Mr. and Mrs. Reoch live, it is an eight-hour trip by train to Taonan, where Mr. and Mrs. Davis are.

In introducing Miss Magee, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich explained that she had been willing to forgo the usual period of missionary training and go out to India this fall, in order to be there a reasonable time before Miss Stringer left on furlough. A graduate of the University of British Columbia, with experience in teaching in both public and high schools, and a deeply conscientious and consecrated young woman, Miss Magee was well equipped for the work to which she was going in the Helen Macdonald School at Jhansi.

Rev. C. E. Fisher, of Grande Prairie, came to tell the Council Executive of their workers in the Peace River district. The Presbytery of Peace River, he explained, has a very large territory, extending from the Saskatchewan border into British Columbia and from fifty miles north of Edmonton to the Arctic Ocean,—an area with two ordained ministers of our Church. The Dixonville field includes six school districts, Dr. Savage and Miss Evans working mostly north of Dixonville. There was, Mr. Fisher felt, a great work to be done there. In the Brownvale district Miss Todd and Miss Madill had been doing fine work; now Miss Rollo is in Miss Todd's place, she having been granted a year's leave of absence to visit her home in Ireland. Mission Bands, women's missionary groups and Sunday Schools were being carried on and some preaching done. To the south of the Peace River, Rev. W. L. Atkinson and Miss Grigor had been working at Wanham, but Mr. Atkinson was leaving the field at the end of September and a new minister was being asked for for Wanham, Miss Grigor moving to Prestville where a church has been built and dedicated. Miss Grigor's fine work in that district has met with a great response, Mr. Fisher said. Services were being conducted at a point fifty miles away. To Riverside and Pouce Coupe, where a student had held services during the summer, a deaconess, Miss Gordon, has gone, so that work can be continued throughout the year. Hitherto Mr. Fisher had made the ninety-mile trip to conduct any services held in winter. Two points will be served, Riverside and Tupper, twenty-three miles apart. Mr. Fisher spoke highly of the people on that field where there should in time be a good cause. There is deep appreciation in the Peace River district of all that has been done and all that has been sent, but the people should now be able to do much more for themselves.

Peace Action Week

THE fifteenth annual national conference of the League of Nations in Canada made an advance in the effort to co-ordinate the activities of organizations having a common interest in the desire for peace and make the conference ''an effective Canadian 'peace parliament'—representative of all those in all parts of Canada who seek to build a peace world on foundations of law and justice,'' and in the contact made with the National Peace Conference in the United States, that they may work together to promote world justice and peace.

In accordance with the resolution of the national conference in May to set aside one week in each year as Peace Action Week in order ''to focus the attention of the people of Canada upon the problem before them'', the week of Remembrance Day (November 8 - 14) is to be observed as Peace Action Week, to ''demonstrate Canada's will for effective action on behalf of World Law and Justice,'' the League of Nations Society in Canada and the other co-operating organizations appealing to Canadians to honour the great war dead by helping the survivors, rededicating themselves to the building of a world community organization as the only way to peace. Besides the national programme for Peace Action Week, including the broadcast of a meeting in Montreal with the address of Lord Cecil, President of the League of Nations Union, London, the report of the League of Nations Assembly at the dinner in Ottawa on the 9th, and of the Remembrance Day ceremony at Ottawa on the 11th, the International Youth Peace Day celebration on the 10th, and on the 14th an exchange of ministers between Canada and the United States, organized by the Canadian National Council of the Society for World Friendship through Churches, there are local programme suggestions which may be obtained from the League of Nations Society in Canada, 124 Wellington Street, Ottawa, or any local branch.

Collective Action, the proceedings of the fifteenth annual conference of the Society in Canada, constitutes a basic text with suitable bibliographies for five national study and action projects: Establishment of the League as an effective instrument for peace; World Economic Co-operation; Co-operation in the Americas; The Constitution of Canada and Participation in World Society; and Co-operation with the League drive for proper nutrition standards.

O international army of the dead,
What glory have you but that of duty done,
If victory over victory be not won
Nor conquest doomed nor arms discredited?

—*Geoffrey Dearmer.*

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By Mrs. Daniel Strachan

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Ross, Mrs. Fred	Leprosy Chapel, Formosa	$ 100.00
Henderson, Mrs. Hunter	“ “ “	200.00
Cant, Helen	“ “ “	100.00
McGregor, Margaret	“ “ “	100.00
Canham, Mr. John S.	“ “ “	100.00
Broomfield, Miss Mary	“ “ “	100.00
McKinnon, Miss Mary Ann	“ “ “	555.65
Glennie, Mrs. Annie P.	“ “ “	3,192.87
McLeod, Mrs. Barbara	“ “ “	50.00
Orme, Mrs. Alice B.	“ “ “	500.00
Prentice, Mrs. Annie M.	Hostel, Jhansi, India	1,340.52
Chalmers, Mrs. John	“ “ “	40.00
Brebner, Mrs. Jas.	“ “ “	360.00
Dickson, Harriet E.	“ “ “	720.00
Scott, Mrs. J. M.	“ “ “	100.00
Pegler, Mrs. Dora G.	“ “ “	100.00
Landreth, Miss Margaret	“ “ “	100.00
Montgomery, Miss Christie H.	“ “ “	920.50
Fowler, Miss Isabel	“ “ “	100.00
Gemmill, Miss Sarah Amelia	“ “ “	100.00
Rippey, Mrs. E. V.	“ “ “	25.00
Brown, Miss Elizabeth Barbara	“ “ “	75.00
Beatty, Miss Janet	“ “ “	200.00
Telfer, Mrs. Elizabeth Lang	“ “ “	3,000.00
Davidson, Jessie	“ “ “	1,280.76
Sharp, Miss	“ “ “	300.00
Blair, Mrs.	Bungalow, Jhansi, India	904.88
Flett, Elizabeth	Wanham Church, Alberta	500.00
Glassford, Agnes	“ “ “	50.00
Dickson, Mrs. Jas.	Grande Prairie Church, Alta.	250.00
McKellar, Miss Margaret	Gonor Church, Manitoba	500.00
Cowan, Miss Bessie	East Selkirk Church, Man.	500.00
Neville, Miss Eliza McEwan	“ “ “ “	200.00
Robertson, Mrs. Ann	“ “ “ “	500.00
Haig, Miss Janet	Toran Mal Bungalow, India	1,000.00
McDonald, Miss Doneldia	“ “ “ “	1,000.00
Legacy through Mrs. Barr	“ “ “ “	500.00
Colquhoun, Miss Bertha	Bungalow in Japan	5,000.00
Brown, Elizabeth Barbara	Bungalow in Manchuria	25.17
MacDonald, Sarah B.	“ “ “	500.00
Weir, Miss Mary	“ “ “	3,000.00
Moffatt, Mrs. Jane	“ “ “ $41.50	
	Electric Light, Amkhut $196.00	
		237.50

	Where Used	*Amount*
Smith, Miss C.	Bungalow in Manchuria	50.00
McGillivray, Mrs. Lily J.	" " "	500.00
Bailey, Mrs. M.	" " "	300.00
Ainslie, Mrs. J. M.	" " "	464.55
Percy, Mrs.	" " " $50.00 Missionary Hospital Room, India $50.00	100.00
Graham, Mrs. W. A.	Electric Light, Amkhut	200.00
McKinnon, Miss Mary Ann	Furnishings for Huntingdon Residence	138.53
Gemmill, Miss Martha	Equipment for Dr. MacBean	300.00
Johnston, Mary Ellen	Surgical Beds for Vegreville and Canora Hospitals	160.00
McNaughton, Mrs. Annie J.	$1,689.00 used for X-ray at Vegreville Hospital	5,000.00
Snively, Miss A.	Rocky Mountain House Hospital	500.00
Hunter, Mrs. Robt.	" " "	500.00
McLarty, Mrs. Mary	" " "	100.00
Gibson, Annie	" " "	200.00
Wallis, Mrs. Agnes M.	" " "	100.00
Burns, Mrs. J. D.	" " "	200.00
Burger, Mrs. Jas.	" " "	500.00
Courtney, Catherine	" " "	180.00
Miss Workman	" " $412.90 Native Evangelists, Manchuria 400.00 Retiring Fund for Missionaries 100.00	912.90
Allan, Miss Jessie	Rocky Mountain House Hospital $100.00 Bungalow in Manchuria 100.00 Hostel, Jhansi 650.00	850.00
McLean, Mrs. Mary	Medical work in Japan	100.00
Broomhead, Mrs. Christeena	Hospital Work	400.00
Cheynne, Mrs.	Barwani Dispensary, India	100.00
Scott, Miss Mary	" " "	100.00
Fraser, Mrs. G. B.	" " "	150.00
Legacy through Uxbridge Auxiliary	Missionary Hospital Room, India	250.00
Legacy through Orillia Auxiliary.	" " "	100.00
McEachern, Mrs. J. D.	Hospital Work in West	65.00
Broadbent, Mrs. Mary	Nurses' Home, India	3,000.00
Mowat, Miss Ethelwyn	Retiring Fund for Missionaries	200.00
Barbour, Mrs. Flora Jane	" " "	500.00
Fraser, Miss M. C. G.	" " "	200.00
Tulloch, Barbara J.	" " "	100.00
Brower, Mrs. Margaret	Interest used for prizes at Vegreville Residence	200.00

"Bear Ye One Another's Burdens"

By Mrs. W. H. Fletcher

As intimated in the October issue of *Glad Tidings,* the need for supplies of clothing and bedding is greater than ever in many parts of the prairie provinces. We believe that the women of our Church are putting forth every effort to give the necessary assistance.

Supplies needed include:

1. Clothing for men, women and children, especially for children of school age.
2. Underwear, all sizes.
3. Knitted articles, such as sweaters, mitts, stockings, socks, scarfs.

Size tags tied to the garments will be a great convenience when the distribution is made.

4. Baby clothes.
5. Footwear—repaired, tied in pairs, size plainly marked on sole.
6. Parcels of make-over material. Some one with "her needle and her shears" will produce new garments.
7. Blankets and warm quilts, double-bed size.
8. Yarn, thread.

The Synodical Missionaries have provided the Supply Secretary of the Council with the addresses of mission fields to which the bales may be shipped. These addresses have been forwarded through Provincial Supply Secretaries to Presbyterial Supply Secretaries.

Auxiliaries or congregations having a sufficient quantity of clothing and bedding to pack a bale are requested to apply to the Council Supply Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, 154 High Park Avenue, Toronto, for addresses and shipping directions.

From the experience of previous years, we are constrained to make certain recommendations:

1. Bales should be plainly and correctly addressed and securely roped.
2. Bales should not be sent in response to individual appeals. Any such appeals should be referred to the Council Supply Secretary.
3. Clothing should not be shipped in the food cars.
4. Notes or letters should not be put in garments requesting correspondence with the recipients.
5. Bales containing Christmas gifts should reach destination not later than December 15th. Christmas entertainments usually take place a week or ten days before Christmas.
6. Do not send clothing unless there is a reasonable amount of wear in it.

The Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways are again granting free transportation on bales of second-hand clothing and books, for relief purposes in the drought areas of the Western Provinces, when shipped by, and consigned to, recognized Church organizations. Free transportation on shipments to points in Ontario is not granted this year.

It will be necessary to confer in the usual way with the local railway offices before forwarding shipments, so that proper arrangements can be made for free billing.

Designated for Missionary Service

ON Friday evening, 20th August, in Fairview Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, the Presbytery of Westminster met to designate Miss Edith Margaret Magee to missionary service under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Rev. D. A. Smith, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. The Rev. W. A. Cameron, D.D., conducted the service of worship. Taking as his text Esther 4:16, he pointed out the responsibility and duty of members of the Church to support, by prayer, sympathy and money, the individual chosen and sent out to do the difficult tasks in our Church's work. On behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Provincial President, after giving to the missionary elect the Society's greetings and words of encouragement, spoke of her qualifications for the work which she was to undertake in the Helen Macdonald School at Jhansi, India, and then presented Miss Magee to the Presbytery for designation. The Moderator conducted the dedication service, after which the members of Presbytery gave the right hand of fellowship to the new missionary. Rev. Fred Fowler addressed the missionary, and Dr. David Lister led in prayer.

Miss E. M. Magee

Mrs. W. H. MacInnes, Provincial First Vice-President, presented Miss Magee with a beautiful Bible, the gift of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and wished her Godspeed. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and those present had an opportunity to meet Miss Magee and say good-bye.

Miss Magee spent a few weeks in Toronto at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home before leaving with Miss Douglas for India.

Reading Matter

FROM time to time come reminders of the valuable service being quietly rendered by the Library Department of the Women's Missionary Society in providing reading matter for new settlements, mission fields, hospitals, school residences, and camps. No appeal, we are told, goes unanswered, so that many a struggling Sunday School or congregation, many an isolated family, many a lonely person is helped and cheered by this service.

Lack of thought, however, sometimes results in the despatch of parcels that are a reproach not only to the person or group directly responsible but to the whole Society. It is not an easy matter to choose reading matter for others, especially for people whom one does not know, but it may be generally accepted that papers, magazines, and books should not be tattered or badly soiled, and that periodicals should be of fairly recent date,—here a distinction should be drawn between magazines, etc., that are soon out of date and those whose contents are of more permanent interest; no magazines are more eagerly read by boys—and older people, too,—than *Popular Mechanics* and similar magazines of popular knowledge. Church papers, several years old, are not desired, most of the people already receiving Church publications or having access to them.

In selecting reading matter to send, if one used one's imagination more, fewer mistakes would be made. It would occasionally seem as if some women thought of the appeal for literature as a chance to rid their bookshelves and store-rooms of worthless books and old magazines, quite heedless of the fact that the reception of such may merely mean additional toil and discouragement for an already overburdened worker, in unpacking, sorting over,—and burning what should have been burnt in the first place. What seems worthless to the sender may well be worthless to the recipient. There is, however, in most homes interesting reading matter which, having been read, is no longer needed and might be passed on for the enjoyment and help of others. It is necessary, of course, to use discrimination—what may be good for one group may be quite inappropriate for another; a school residence and a lumber or railway camp have different needs,—the *Ladies' Home Journal* is hardly suitable for the latter; as have families in frontier settlements, far from any library, and families in cities where public libraries are accessible.

It should be remembered, too, that while only worthwhile reading matter, in good condition, is desired, it may, and should, be varied in kind. Religious books are welcomed, but other types of reading are needed, too,—stimulating, entertaining reading of many kinds. Putting oneself in another's place, one can realize that just as in one's own case different books suit different times and different moods, so others need bright, cheerful reading—yes, even an occasional well written mystery story—as well as the more serious matter.

With a little thought and some imagination our women can do much to see that those in our land who are starving mentally are fed, supplied with suitable intellectual nourishment, varied and satisfying.

The Board of Missions Executive

THE executive of the General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in St. Andrew's Institute, Toronto, on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd September, with the Convener, Rev. A. M. Hill, D.D., in the chair.

Overseas Missions

At the opening session on Tuesday evening encouraging news of notable progress made in recent years on two overseas fields was received from two missionaries on furlough— Rev. Allan Reoch, of Manchuria, and Rev. David Marshall, of British Guiana. Mr. Reoch explained the conditions under which our mission work is carried on in Manchuria, a country with a population of approximately 30,000,000, largely Chinese, occupying a strategic position in relation to Russia, China and Japan. A network of good railways and an air service now make travelling from place to place comparatively easy,—the trip to one place which, Mr. Reoch said, two years ago took seven hours by bus could now be made in half an hour by aeroplane. The missionaries use the Chinese language in teaching, but a knowledge of Japanese is becoming increasingly important. The past six years had seen a marked advance in mission work. At the beginning of that period the Church had no property; now almost all the 54 Christian congregations own their own church property, or some part of it. More than 4,000 persons had been baptized. Six years ago the Christians contributed $200; last year they raised $11,947.29, and in 1934, their peak year, $14,665.

A great part of our Church, Mr. Marshall felt, did not realize the changes that had taken place in the mission work in British Guiana during the past four years. He had been asked to go down to study that field and see whether the estimates for it could be reduced. The next year the $40,000 estimate was reduced to $25,000, then to $18,000, and last year to $14,000, so that it now costs our Church just over a third of what it did. After some difficulty, the Government was persuaded of its responsibility in the matter of schools, with the result that to-day our Board spends no money on education. The work has not suffered by the reduction in grants. Four years ago there were 3,000 in the schools, now 5,000 children are being educated, receiving religious instruction and ''growing up in the nurture of the Lord''; and there are better buildings, better equipment, and better teachers. Many buildings have been repaired and several new ones erected. Mr. Marshall told of the fine response made by one group when they were challenged to give for a more suitable building, some who gave being Hindus and Mohammedans, and now a good building has replaced the wretched one formerly used. In many other places, too, buildings have been put up at no expense to the Board of Missions. Great encouragement and help has been received from the Government and from owners and managers of the great sugar plantations. The workers have ever before them the spiritual needs of the people. Two East Indian deaconesses are doing a fine work among the women and children. Christians are increasing in number. Congregations have their own sessions and it is hoped that in time they may have a Presbytery of their own in British Guiana with their own ministers. Mr. Marshall hopes to return to British Guiana after his furlough to continue to give leadership to the workers there.

Several decisions were announced regarding missionaries on overseas fields. Dr. L. L. Young, who had returned to Canada on account of Mrs. Young's illness, was going back to his work in Japan, Mrs. Young remaining in Canada. Miss Gladys Murphy, also from the mission to Koreans in Japan, will not return at present. Dr. Stevens will, after his furlough, return to the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Formosa, not going to Japan for language study. On his return Dr. Gushue-Taylor will give all his time to the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, but will be available for consultation in connection with our hospital. Mr. Reoch plans to leave Canada in January, to spend three months of his furlough in Japan, for further study of the Japanese language. Dr. W. R. Quinn, after his designation as a medical missionary in New St. James Church, London, sailed on the 17th September for India, where he will have charge of the Jobat Hospital. Keen regret was felt at Mrs. McMurrich's announcement that because of serious illness Dr. Winchester was returning from India, accompanied by Miss Bessie MacMurchy, of Jobat. Dr. Buchanan expects in the spring to begin his delayed furlough, at the expiration of which he will be retired at his request. Gratification was expressed that he had received a Coronation medal in recognition of his service in India. The request of Mr. Hawtin, of Jhansi, to be allowed to retire after his furlough, which is due in 1939, was granted, with recognition of his faithful service. Rev. A. A. Lowther, of Jhansi, who left early in September to resume work after furlough, was being set free for a year to visit our mission field and also to visit other missions to study mass movements and the territory where such movements are taking place.

Of the 90,000 yen received for the property in Tansui, Formosa, sold to the Government, one-third was to go to the Women's Missionary Society and two-thirds to the Board of Missions.

The Executive reaffirmed its decision that in foreign missions the emphasis should be laid on evangelistic work.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. A. R. McMurrich introduced to the Executive Miss Edith Margaret Magee, as the newest missionary on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). In every way, she said, Miss Magee was fitted by scholarship and Christian character to undertake the responsible work in the Helen Macdonald School at Jhansi, India, to which she had been appointed. Conditions in that school were very hopeful, Mrs. McMurrich reported, with a good staff and 238 pupils as compared with 35 ten years ago. Miss Stringer and Miss Magee will be able to give more attention to evangelistic work.

National Missions

Mrs. George E. Ross, President of the Women's Missionary Society (Eastern Division), in giving their report, expressed their great satisfaction at the reorganization in British Guiana. In the Eastern Division six deaconesses are engaged in home mission work under their Board, two in mining districts, three in districts where there are no other Presbyterian services, and one as a deaconess at large, keeping in touch with isolated families. The New Carlisle Residence provides a good home for Protestant boys and girls attending school there; if the Residence were not open, the High School grant would not be paid.

Dr. A. S. Reid, continuing his survey of work in New Brunswick, had during the summer visited almost all ministers, all missionaries and all points where Rev. Mr. McArthur had reported unorganized groups, driving about 4,000 miles in all parts of the province. He found many groups desiring the services of the Presbyterian Church and other communities requiring settled ministers. It was decided that ordained ministers be appointed to two fields, and arrangements made to serve districts hitherto left without services in the winter.

Synodical Missionaries

This is the eighth year of crop failure in Saskatchewan, declared Rev. H. R. Horne, Synodical Missionary for Alberta and Saskatchewan, and the most disastrous of all, because the failure is more complete and more widespread than ever before, affecting an area 350 miles across and 300 miles north. The problems presented by such conditions could not be dealt with congregation by congregation and Mr. Horne urged that for this year Saskatchewan as a whole be treated as a frontier field. The members of the Executive were unanimous in their decision to let the people in the stricken areas of the West know that they were behind them, ready by special grants to supplement what could be raised locally for ministers' salaries. The offer of assistance from our Society was greatly appreciated.

In the Synod of British Columbia, Rev. A. C. Wishart reported, the shortage of men was causing difficulty this year, especially as students were not available for the winter. At Vernon through a special effort a new hall was being opened for services on October 1st. A Sunday School begun by a farmer on an island at the mouth of the Fraser River has about eighty members and a full staff. The new congregation at Stewart was making steady progress under Rev. H. G. Funston.

Rev. A. S. Reid, D.D., asked for assistance for the French work in Montreal. Four or five hundred people attend the Sunday morning services in the two preaching places, and from a hundred to two hundred and fifty the Thursday evening prayer-meetings. The group that had met in Fairmount-Taylor Church, including 125 members of the Presbyterian Church, are now meeting in a rented hall. The other group, under Mr. Giguère, now desires to be associated with our Church.

Rev. C. E. Fisher, of Grande Prairie, told of progress in the Presbytery of Peace River. Into the ''B.C. Block'' had come people from Saskatchewan and some from Alberta, among them many Mennonites. Two new churches had been built, at Fort St. John and Prestville. Men were needed for Fort St. John and Wanham. Families were moving into the former district, where our Church should have a good cause. Appreciation was expressed for the assistance given by the Women's Missionary Society: the Pouce Coupe district has now a deaconess.

The resignation of Dr. Savage as medical missionary at Dixonville was accepted with keen regret, to take effect at the end of March, the six months to be taken by her for rest and study. Deep appreciation was expressed of Dr. Savage's work.

Mrs. W. A. McLennan reported that the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) was undertaking the building of a hospital at Rocky Mountain House, ''to stand as a symbol of service of the Presbyterian Church for that community.''

Rev. W. M. Mackay told of some of the new phases of the work in Manitoba and Northern Ontario. Progress at Kirkland Lake was most encouraging: the congregation was growing and already had begun a trust fund, besides contributing to the Church budget. Through the generosity of our Society, Mr. Mackay said, a lot for a Church would, it was hoped, be bought in October. A church was opened and dedicated at Hawk Junction in Algoma Presbytery, free of debt. In Geraldton substantial progress was being made. The student in charge there for the summer saw such great possibilities that he offered to remain for the winter. In Manitoba, as in Northern Ontario, there were opportunities for more extensive work, if the people of the Church could be aroused to their responsibility in providing for its support.

Christian Youth Movement, Formosa

By Rev. Hugh MacMillan

CHRISTIAN young men and women in Taiwan (Formosa) have had their fourth annual conference.

''Haven't seen you for a week or more; where have you been?'' asked a kirk elder of a Christian young woman in Taihoku the other day.

''Why, I've been in Taichu city at the conference,'' she replied, surprised that any one in the Church didn't know about the Taichu conference.

''Conference?'' he questioned. ''What sort of a conference?''

''Don't you know about our youth conferences? There's one every year. This is the fourth. The first was in Shoka, the second in Tainan, the third in Tansui, and this one was in Taichu. I wish you could have been there, even for a day. Then you'd know what our conferences are like. To describe them is difficult. You have *to be present* to understand. I have tried to tell people about them, but they don't seem to fully understand. The Taichu conference was the most thrilling experience of my life. I didn't know young people had such gatherings as these, such opportunities for real fellowship,—that is, not like ordinary social affairs; such thoughts about people and their problems and about God and the world. I had never dreamed that gatherings like this were possible. I had often thought about many of the things we considered in Taichu, but I had never heard such thoughts expressed. And oh, we had such fun, too!

Regular delegates representing about 800 members of Youth Movement.

Such real laughing, not just make-believe grinning! Oh, I haven't words to describe it!''

''But . . . but,'' put in the elder. ''This is all very interesting, but can't you give me some idea of what it was really like? For example, couldn't you tell me *what* you thought, or *what* you did? You had a programme, I take it. You had speakers or leaders, no doubt? I don't know even yet how long the conference lasted. You speak as though you had been away for years, but I know you were away only a few days.''

T.M., the elder's young friend, realizing that she had been too high ''in the air'' to be seen, came down nearer earth and began to outline some of what she considered were the higher peaks of the conference.

''True, it lasted only a few days, but it really seemed like a whole long life. I didn't actually live a whole life, but I certainly *saw* the outline of a life *to be lived.* The conference lasted seven days, from July 22 to 29. The big meetings, lectures, services, etc., were held in the Taichu church. Discussion groups met here and there in the city park, in two hospitals nearby, in charge of Christian doctors, or under the trees on the church lawn. The Sunday School rooms near the church were used as the men's dormitory, while the women occupied an unused ward in the Christian hospital across the road. The men rented Japanese *tatami* (grass mats), which they got very cheaply for the week. These they laid on the floors of the Sunday School rooms for their beds. We all ate our meals together. Tables were set up under the trees beside the church. What fun we had at meal time! Eating didn't take much time, but songs, yells, and jokes made each meal last about half an hour or more. I shall not forget the interesting 'grace before meat' hymn verses that were sung. I have more than twenty happy memories of conference meal-times.

''Oh, but we had serious times too,'' T.M. hastened to explain, in view of the kirk elder's unspoken question. ''The subject this year was, 'The Cross of Jesus Christ and Youth.' Every morning we had an hour and a half of group Bible study. Jesus in Gethsemane, the betrayal, Jesus before the Jewish authorities, Jesus before the Roman authorities, the crucifixion, and the burial were passages of the Bible we studied. I had never really studied the Bible as I did at the conference. And such passages are really appropriate for study in times like these. I have often heard people talking about the cross which Christians must bear these 'crisis times', but I never understood the meaning so clearly as I do now. I was never in a place where I could ask questions about the Bible so freely as at the conference. You see we were all divided up into small groups of about twelve or so, and met in quiet places we ourselves chose, so that it was easy to ask questions and express ourselves. In our group there were both men and women, but that didn't prevent even us girls from speaking. Oh, it was interesting! I never had such an experience.''

''You haven't mentioned leaders. Did you have leaders for your groups or how did you manage them?'' asked the kirk elder.

''Oh, yes, indeed, we had leaders,'' T.M. hastened to explain. ''They were right with us all the time. Every group had a leader. Some groups were led by young Formosan pastors; some were led by Japanese from Japan proper, like Miss Yuki, the first woman missionary to Formosa from the Japanese Presbyterian Church, or Mr. Doi, the head Japanese teacher in the Tainan Middle School. Then there were other leaders who gave lectures. Mr. Kami, the Presbyterian minister in Taihoku, lectured on the prophets of the Old Testament. The librarian of the Taichu city library spoke on books. Mr. Chikamori, of the Taiwan Y.M.C.A., spoke on the history of Christianity in Taiwan.''

A Bible study group, Taichu Conference.

''What about the Christian people in Taichu?'' asked the elder. ''Did they seem happy to have the conference meet in their church and their city?''

''Oh, I should say they did. You should have seen the crowd of people packed into that big church at the Sunday morning service and communion. I am sure there were five or six hundred people present.

And how they sang! It was thrilling to hear such singing. One evening we had 'candle service'. Our conference choir entered the crowded church in processional. Each member carried a lighted candle. When they took their places in the choir seats, the light was passed to the unlighted candles held by the audience. Soon the whole church was filled with light. It was so silent one could hear a pin drop, and so impressive!

''One afternoon a rich family at Muko, about an hour by train from Taichu, chartered a train on the narrow gauge railway line and took the whole two hundred and twenty of us to Muko. The Church people at Muko had the church and lawn all decorated for us. About a hundred came to the station to meet us, and the whole group of more than three hundred marched in fours through the little village to the church. There we were served with fruit for which the district is famous, bananas and delicious pineapples, all we could eat. The Christians at Muko said they had never seen so many Christian young people. I am sure they will remember us for the number of pineapples we ate! One interesting thing happened that afternoon. At Muko they have a tropical thundershower every afternoon at this time of year. We were all asked to bring umbrellas, as it would certainly rain. At the church, tents were pitched and preparations made to protect us from the rain. But there was no rain, not a drop. The Muko Christians were amazed. They said God arranged it that way. 'Just think', said one man, 'and we never thought of first consulting Him!'

''Another afternoon we had an athletic field meet in the Taichu city park. A large crowd of city people gathered around to see the races, contests, and games. They seemed most interested to see such a large representation of Formosan young men and women from all parts of the Island, and all Christian. I am sure they would recognize that the Christian religion is not only an old people's religion but for youth as well. The new cup presented to the Youth Movement for the team winning the relay race was won by the Giran Young People's Society. Just as the relay race, the last event on the programme, was finishing, the usual afternoon downpour of rain caught us. The crowd scurried to tents and under trees, but the relay runners dashed on dripping wet to the finish. The downpour seemed to make the cheering for the winning team sound louder than if the sun had been shining. In spite of the streaming rain, the final ceremonies of field day closing were gone through as if it were a full dress parade on a fine day. The cup was presented to the relay team; the closing speech was read, (but couldn't be folded up); the flag was lowered to the strains of Kimigayo (the national anthem), all with due ceremony. Nobody caught cold because we all dashed home and had hot sponge baths.

''One night we put on a concert in the city hall. About seven hundred people attended. Piano solos and duets, violin solos, vocal solos and choruses were given by members of the group. It was the first time the citizens of Taichu had heard a concert of Christian sacred music.

''The first night of the conference we had an oratory contest. The subject this year was, 'Our mission as Christian youth, in bringing about changes in social customs.' For the first time in our oratory contests one young woman took part. The speeches this year were all in Japanese. All the speakers flayed the pleasure-seeking tendencies of present-day youth in dance-halls and drinking-places. Customs are changing, but perhaps not for the better. Unless we can do something as Christian youth, the outlook is not bright. The Youth Movement's cup for oratory was won this year by a first-year theological student in the college in Tansui.''

The kirk elder had listened attentively to this long list of conference doings, but seemed to get the idea that pleasure was the key-note. So he asked, ''And did you have any prayer meetings?''

''Oh, yes, indeed we had!'' replied T.M. ''And they were just wonderful. Frankly, I had grown almost to dislike Church prayer-meetings recently. So few people come. And they last so long. And the same people always pray. And they say the same things in the same tone of voice. So I had been losing interest. From the conference, however, I got a new interest in prayer-meetings. Memories of prayer-meetings will, I'm sure, be my most lasting impressions of Taichu. In fact, the conference itself from beginning to end was like a prayer-meeting. Even the concert and the athletic meet seemed to be carried out in the spirit of prayer. You would have to attend from beginning to end to know just what I mean. It was wonderful. The early morning prayer-meeting and the sunset meeting were most impressive. Every morning we chose a different place—around the monument in the park, under the trees beside the boulevard, at the water-works park, on the grass at the baseball grounds, and other places. The singing of those meetings still echoes in my ears. So do the prayers. At every meeting scores of men and women led in brief, most sincere prayers. And such silences! It was during the silences the unity of the group seemed most strong.

''I just can't express it. I can't find words,—you just *must* come along next year so you'll know what I mean, so you'll feel the spirit of the conference for yourself. Then you'll know what a conference is like.''

The kirk elder agreed that he should if possible attend. ''I must try to keep young,'' he said, ''and I suppose there is no better way than by being with you young folks.''

Three Weeks of Study and Fellowship

By Miss Alma M. Burdick

RED book marks with the key verse, ''The Word of our God shall stand forever'', written in Chinese characters were distributed to the twenty-seven Christians who came the first day to attend our three-weeks' Bible Conference at the Women's School in Tansui, Formosa, in July. Our Conference hymn was one from our new hymn book, ''Wonderful Words of Life.''

Each day was filled with class study of the following subjects: Genesis, Christ in Isaiah, Christ in Mark, Acts, the Doctrine of Sin, the Geography of the Holy Land, Sunday School Methods, Missions, and Hymn Singing. Keen interest was shown in all the classes, especially in the geography class in which Mrs. Mackay, with the aid of an electrified map, kept the students alert in naming the places connected with their study.

Morning and evening worship services were held in the open, where the various hues of Nature made a beautiful setting in which to lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving.

Recreation? Oh, yes, we had games, a trip to the beach where we ate watermelon grown by a Tansui Christian, a delightful boat-ride in the moonlight, when we circled around two Dutch steamers which had brought petroleum from the East Indies, their crews and officers watching us from the decks while we drifted in the moonlight singing favourite hymns, ''What a Friend we have in Jesus'', etc.

Some evenings we divided into bands and went to homes in the town and held preaching services. Neighbours gathered and people from the street came and went. Whether they received benefit we do not know, but we do know that those Conference members strengthened their faith by thus witnessing.

Over twenty of the twenty-seven remained to the end, attending classes regularly, while ten or twelve more came for a shorter period. These represented several Churches and districts. We were very happy that this number came, for they paid all their own expenses.

That many more such classes may be held where Christians and new hearers may progress in knowledge of the Scriptures and fellowship in Christ is our prayer.

. . . The healing of the world
Is in its nameless saints. Each separate star
Seems nothing, but a myriad scattered stars
Break up the night, and make it beautiful.

—*Bayard Taylor.*

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father, we come to Thee with hearts full of gratitude for Thy loving care. We realize that we are not worthy of Thy keeping, but we know that Thou carest for all. We would thank Thee for the many blessings that have come to us throughout the past years; though there may have been times of discouragement and disappointment, yet we have always known that Thou hast been near to those who call upon Thee. Help us all to be ever among those who wait for Thy guidance.

We would ask for a very special blessing upon the Church and all those who are attempting to hold high the banner of Christ. May they realize more and more, as the days go by, that in striving to uphold Thy cause and to teach others of the saving love of Jesus, they are truly following the Master.

We would also pray, O Lord, for our missionaries. As we hear of the strife in so many of the foreign countries, we realize that many dangers beset our loved ones who have gone there as ambassadors of Christ. We ask Thee to be very near to them in their times of anxiety and fear. May their example of tranquillity and calm amidst confusion and strife be a very striking one to those among whom they work. We think particularly of those who have gone recently to the overseas fields. May they, as well as the more experienced of our missionaries, constantly feel that the prayers of all members of our Women's Missionary Society at home are ascending daily to the throne of grace.

We pray for the workers in the homeland. Some have gone into the more isolated districts of our country, and even though there may be times of loneliness and hardship, may they be ever ready to lend a helping hand or speak a word of cheer to those to whom they minister.

Be near unto the sick and the suffering and, if it be in accordance with Thy holy will, restore them to health and strength. Comfort all who mourn the loss of loved ones. May they so live that they may rest assured of a glad reunion in the place which Thou hast prepared for all those who love Thee.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Christmas Material

By Margaret Ness

MANY groups are even now planning their Christmas entertainment. For them a list of stocked material is given. * Indicates new material. *Services.* (15c. each), **Beautiful Christmas Gifts, The Light of a Star, The Wonderful Christmas Story**; and (35c.) **The Sheltered King.** *Pageants.* **The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song** (15c.) and * **When the Light Shone** (35c.),—young Helen sees the presentation of gifts at the manger where the light shines for the gifts of love; could be done by Juniors. *Plays.* * **The Road to Bethlehem** (35c.),—Madge, homesick, leaves New York to spend Christmas in the country and meets Faith and Happiness. Cast includes 6 young women, 2 men in minor rôles, and singers. **The Christmas Voice** (35c.),—a family of young people hear, on Christmas Eve, an astounding message over the radio; 4 boys and 7 girls. * **Christmas at a Mission Station in China,** a short demonstration for 2 women and 3 girls (20c.).

For Boys and Girls. **The Christmas Story Hour** (35c.),—the Story Book Lady and some Story Book characters visit Ann, who is led to receive the Christmas Story; 2 women, 12 large Juniors, 6 Juniors and Groups. Music. **Gifts for the King** (10c.), our own mimeographed pageant for Mission Bands,—short and can be arranged for a small or large group. **Miss Mission Band Meets the Christmas Fairy** (5c),—one of our older publications which is still popular. * **The Street of Hearts** (25c.),—Joseph and Mary seek haven for the night in various homes (hearts) but are turned away; finally the Poor Little Boy takes them in. Can be played by children under 12 years of age or by older children; 6 boys (some could be changed to girls), 6 girls and the 3 Wise Men. A perfectly delightful play. About half an hour in length. * **A Christmas Revolt** (25c.),—toys, rebelling over probable mistreatment at the Bad Boy's house, desert from Santa's Sack. The Christmas Tree Angel tells the Christmas Story; 4 boys, 4 girls. Acting time, 20 minutes.

Excellent collections of recitations, pantomimes, tableaux, etc., are included in Christmas suggestion books, **Christmas Pictures** (20c.), **Christmas Treasury** and **Standard Christmas Book** (35c. each).

Any two plays will be sent on approval if two cents' postage is included with the request. Please co-operate by returning promptly play (or plays) not selected.

Another addition to our Christmas list, excellent for teachers and those putting on plays, is **Christmas Customs in Many Lands,** a 42-page booklet for 20c.

Christmas Leaflets for Mission Bands: **Zung's First Christmas Awakening** (4c.), **Star or Sword** (3c.).

A few copies of **Zerah**, a tale of Bethlehem ($1.00).

Biography Book

The newest venture of the Publications Department is a loose-leaf biography book. Single sheets (a snap-shot and a short biography) cost 10c., but the eight already arranged may be obtained for 50c. The book cover is 18c. extra, but suitable covers may be obtained in local bookstores. The biographies and pictures now ready include those of Miss Murray, Miss Dickson, Miss Macarthur, Miss Chisholm, Miss Anderson, Miss Munro, Miss Ellen Douglas, Miss Taylor.

Just off the Press: **Goforth of China**, by Mrs. Goforth ($2.00).

Provinical Literature Secretary for Manitoba: Mrs. J. Neville, 406 Cathedral Avenue, Winnipeg.

OUR LETTER BOX

Prestville Church Dedicated

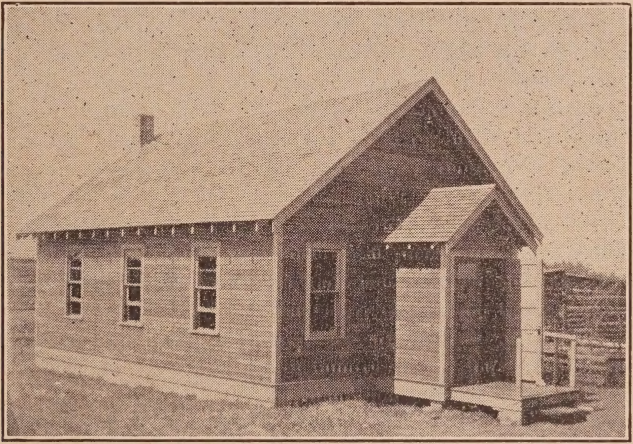
Wanham, Alberta.

ALTHOUGH the Prestville Church was not quite finished inside, August 1st was the day set for our dedication ceremony. We had an ideal day, ideal attendances and ideal services, and our hearts went out in gratitude to God for making this day possible to the people of Prestville. They had waited long for it and now they have realized their hearts' desire.

It is a beautiful little church similar to the one here in Wanham. Many made the building possible and we thank them all. The lot was given by the merchant in Prestville, and another lot was bought; $100 which had been loaned to Wanham was paid back to Prestville; the people raised $300, and those who collected remarked on the eagerness of every one to give what they could; the Mission Board gave $300; and many of our men gladly gave volunteer work, so that now we have a neat little frame building, 22′ x 30′, a credit to the contractor and the men who built it. The communion table is being given by two Prestville friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, and the pulpit by Mr. W. Rutherford, the contractor, and Rev. W. L. Atkinson. Other gifts included a very nice little organ, which just fits in the corner of the platform, from the Young Women's Auxiliary of First Church, Edmonton, a pulpit Bible from a friend in Toronto, and twenty-five small hymn books and two with music through Dr. Rochester, Toronto.

Rev. H. R. Horne, our synodical missionary, assisted by Rev. W. L.

Atkinson, conducted services morning and evening, giving us two splendid sermons. The choir of Knox Church, Wanham, rendered special music, one of the members singing appropriately, ''Open the Gates of the Temple'', while the girls of Prestville sang a hymn. Eighty-five were present in the morning and seventy-five in the evening, friends coming from Grande Prairie, Spirit River, Rycroft, Wanham, and Blueberry Mountain, distances of from six to fifty miles.



Prestville Presbyterian Church.

On August 3rd, the Presbytery of Peace River met in the newly dedicated church and after the business was transacted, the Women's Association provided a very delightful supper.

—*Margaret Grigor.*

Camp Life in Three Provinces

Mrs. J. B. Shaw, of First Church, very kindly gave us the use of the cottage for our camp. A household science student came as our cook and another girl, who has her life-saving certificate and has assisted with swimming classes at the ''Y'', was our swimming instructress. Eight Eastview girls attended the camp. A very enjoyable and profitable ten days was spent at Lumsden Beach. Our programme was not as extensive as it might have been. There were some things lacking,—such as interest groups—because we had not time to prepare anything or get leaders for them. We had worship morning and evening and a course of Bible Study on ''Jesus with some of His friends''. I feel quite sure the girls gained something from our study, and from the morning and evening worship.

Physically the girls gained, as they were in bed every night at ten o'clock. One girl was under the doctor's care. He said she would have to get away from the city for a while. I could see quite a difference in her; she told me last week she had gained seven or eight pounds.

—*Helen M. Ross, Regina, Sask.*

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We visited Kasota Camp, and having heard about the out-door cathedral where they had Vesper service, we walked down to see it. I was terribly disappointed; it was only a large tree with spreading branches on a sloping hillside, and stone outcropping in various places. As we were talking with some of the girls in their cabin, the Vesper bell rang, and they invited us to go along. Where we were the girls were talking merrily, and then our friend said, ''When we get to the turn in the path we all keep quiet.'' It was most impressive to see the girls singly and in groups quietly going along, and soon the hillside was pretty well covered and we were sitting looking over the lake just at sunset time. There was music coming from a small portable victrola placed on the pier; then, when every one was settled, one of the girls led in a lovely service. One can understand how that one spot is holy ground to the girls who have been to camp. Seeing it when the girls were there made all the difference.

—*Hazel Macdonald, Red Deer, Alta.*

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Our Girls' Camp was quite a success. We had thirty-three girls and such splendid leaders. There was a very fine spirit. We had plenty of fun along with a very good programme, which included two interest groups and Bible study and missionary study, singing, games, swimming, campfire ceremonies, and all the other things that go to make camp a never-to-be-forgotten experience. The weather was perfect, and we had a full moon making a path of silver across the water directly in front of the sleeping tents and casting its witchery over the scene at night.

—*Shirley V. Scott, Vancouver, B.C.*

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Camp is over for another year and we had a grand time . . . There were thirty-three girls, and we kept them busy each afternoon with hikes, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, field day, water regatta and masquerade picnic, and two nights they cooked their own suppers on the beach. Each one was given two pieces of bread and an egg and shown how to make an egg sandwich, cooking it on a flat stone. They enjoyed it so much they voted unanimously to do it again the next night, only then they wanted double rations.

The mornings were given over to Bible study, discussion groups and special lectures. We were so happy to have Dr. L. L. Young of Kobe, Japan, come and speak to us. He could stay only the one day, but he taught the girls how to sing ''Jesus Loves Me'' in Korean, and how they did enjoy it, especially the little girls! At meal-times when they would be singing some rollicking songs, one of the girls would ask for the Korean song, and their whole attitude would change and it would be sung as softly and reverently as possible. Just yesterday I had a letter from one of the older girls and she asked me whether or not it was wrong to be tactful, when it reached the extent of a slight untruthfulness? And then she added, ''It is about the only doubtful question we didn't discuss.''

We had plenty of swimming and the girls were keen to graduate from pollywogs to frogs, to fishes and flying fish; so they worked hard. I had a young girl, Margaret Stewart, helping me with the Recreation and she was splendid. At the camp-fire the different groups were responsible for the fun and the devotional. On Friday evening we closed with the dramatizing of the story of Ruth, and then a candle-lighting dedication service. It looked lovely as the girls walked up from the shore singing and stood in groups at the entrance to their cottage or tent. Then all the lights were blown out and quietness reigned for the night.

Camp closed on Saturday afternoon, July 10th, and Monday morning we started Daily Vacation Bible School. We didn't have so large an enrolment as I should have liked, but we had about twenty-five on the roll and twelve had perfect attendance for the two weeks. The first week it just poured most of the time, but they came anyway. The juniors reviewed the 23rd Psalm, learned the books of the Bible and I Corinthians 13, as well as several hymns. We had a closing programme and I wish you could have heard the little five-year-old girl telling the story of the Baby Moses. We had a good number of the parents out and when I asked the children what we should thank God for in our prayer, one of them said, ''For the good crowd here to-night.'' They, too, dramatized the story of Ruth, and did it very well.

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I went out to Arbutus, which is near Rocky and organized a Presbyterian Girls' Guild. We had two of the girls at camp and at this meeting there were twelve girls and a leader. In the fall we will have an affiilia-tion service.

—*Hazel Macdonald, R.R. 3, Red Deer, Alta.*

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With the aid of a young boy of the district, shortly after returning from Miss Todd's camp at Bear Lake I took seven of the smaller children to camp one and a half miles from Dixonville, four others coming during the day only. They all seemed to enjoy themselves immensely and proved quite an industrious little group, enjoying every moment of their study and story-telling time. The last morning each one could repeat every verse they had been given to memorize. Prizes were given for memory work, general camp conduct, including cleanliness and neatness (after physical exercise each morning we had inspection—they seemed to think it great fun), and for scrap books. We all had a very happy and, I pray, profitable time.

The attendance at the girls' club so recently organized keeps up. For project work they are making their own Christmas presents from scraps about the house. Each week a different girl takes the devotional service. This work is, indeed, a great pleasure, and as we hold the meeting in the house I am on hand, if needed.

—*Verlie Evans, Dixonville, Alberta.*

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Our girls' camp was held at the Burnt River from August 9th to 16th. Twenty-two girls were present and I had an assistant, one of our women who looked after the meals with the girls helping. . . Some friends who have cars took us down, about fifteen miles from here; and two of the men put up the tents for us and dug a trench in which we built our fire. Our kitchen and pantry were under the trees, which was all right until one night the rain beat in torrents and bread, cereals and other things had to be dried in Mrs. Young's oven. We were glad we were near a house, for two of our tents leaked and bedding and clothing had to be dried. It is wonderful what one can stand in this country. . . Some of the friends in Wanham got anxious and three cars started off to rescue us. One man got almost the whole way, when his axle broke. Another had car trouble, and left his car, while the third took him home. Next day, Sunday, two cars made the trip, fixed the other car, and set off home, and eventually got there. . . Our programme was similar to that of other years. We studied Mark's Gospel, studied and memorized the Apostles' Creed and our missionary stories were of India and Japan. Round the camp-fire we learned hymns and choruses, closing each night with ''Abide With Me''. The best camper was the ''baby'', seven-year-old Jean Harrington, and the best helper was Dorothy Reeves, of Blueberry Mountain. All enjoyed camp and all, we hope, learned more of our Lord and Saviour.

—*Margaret Grigor, Wanham, Alberta.*

In the Hills

Epworth, Almora, U.P., India.

ONCE again it is hill season time. We are in a new hill station this year, not nearly so far from home as most of our hill stations, but it is very beautiful and over 6,000 feet up. There are not more than half a dozen European households altogether, but there are many fine bungalows owned by wealthy Indians who rest here. . . .

The most noticeable thing about this place is the mica in the stone and earth. Everything just glistens like the imitation snow we use on Christmas trees, and in the sunlight the dust seems to be filled with silver. The view from our house is magnificent. The valleys with all their fields are right at hand and long ranges of snow-capped mountains are in view most of the time. We are surrounded on all sides by pine-groves and I never saw such a variety of birds, of all colours and sizes. . . .

One of the nice things here is that one can walk to so many different beauty spots without a terrible climb and without retracing one's steps over and over. Of course, if one wants to climb one can do that, too. Five of the party are leaving on Monday for a two weeks' hike to Pindari glacier.

—(Mrs. Angus) Catherine M. MacKay.

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Almora, India.

Miss Stringer, Miss Whatling, Mr. Hawtin, Mr. MacKay and I started about 10.30 a.m., each with a bag or bottle in hand, six coolies loaded down with bedding and food having left about an hour and a quarter before. . . . The three ''stay-at-homes'' saw us off on our two weeks' tramp.

Miss Stringer and I, not being champion walkers like the others, were soon sauntering along behind. At length we came to the 15th mile-post, but there was no sign of Miss Whatling or the Hawtin sahib, and, worse still, no sign of the Dak Bungalow (rest-house). . . Finally from the heights above we heard a familiar voice call. There were Miss Whatling and Mr. Hawtin very much at home in a nice little two-roomed forest bungalow. We scrambled up the hill by the shortest route we could find and arrived puffing and blowing, but well content. We all enjoyed the lovely cool air at Takula bungalow, which is 5,335 feet high and faces a circle of mountains rising to 6,000 feet.

The next morning our road led up a gentle incline for half a mile, when it ended in a pass. . . . Once down, we meandered along a lovely road which wound around the mountains, with fields under cultivation first on one hand and then on the other. Little grist-mills, run by water-power, were seen on the edges of the stream. In some fields the female reapers were hard at work; in others the men were busy plowing. Some were working the dry field, while others had flooded the fields and were almost knee-deep in water. Irrigation canals like miniature rivers were seen everywhere; some seemed even to be running up hill in an effort to supply the desired amount of water to the fields. Here and there we noticed fine, neat little buildings, in front of which sat the teacher at his desk, while the children read aloud as they sat in the sun. The homes looked cosy and prosperous, and the views, while constantly changing, were always lovely.

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Eureka! We had gained the top, 7,000 feet, after a climb of about 2,000 feet in a little over a mile. But what a lovely sight met our eyes! Far away in the distance gleamed the eternal snow, while at our very feet was the gateway into a lovely tea and fruit garden. . . . Now the road began to wind down the other side. Through a lovely forest glen with tiny rivulets flowing through it we wandered. In the distance still gleamed the snows; the nearer hills and the valley before us looked intensely blue, almost purple in the sunlight. About a mile further on we turned a corner to find a nice little school in session, while a few feet further on sat the smart members of our party, gossiping with the shop-keeper and anyone else who would listen.

When we started on, down a long, rapid decline. . . . there was not the same richness of plant life, the mountains on this side being scarcely wooded. After a drop of about 3,500 feet we came to a delightful interval where again the road wound in and out between the fields of wheat and farm-houses were scattered here and there. The thunder had been roaring and the lightning flashing for some time; now the rain began to fall. We covered our heads and shoulders with our one raincoat and sought shelter at a house near by. The good housewife was busy doing the chores, but she told us we might sit on a board propped up against the building. The family lived in the upper storey, while the cattle inhabited the lower part of the building. In about five minutes the rain stopped and the sun shone, so on we started. The road now ran along a fair-sized river, strewn with large boulders, the Goomti River, which last year had been in flood and destroyed so much property in Lucknow and vicinity. Now there was only a small stream of muddy water. . . . Before long we crossed a bridge into the town of Bageshwar (God's Garden), a nice little town at the junction of the Goomti and the Surju rivers.

We asked the way to the Dak Bungalow, crossed the bridge over the Surju, and saw Miss Whatling and the two sahibs resting on the wide veranda of a four-roomed bungalow. On three sides of it stretched a nice green lawn, and about twenty-five feet from the front door tumbled the Surju, as it roared down to meet the Goomti. Miss Whatling said there had been very heavy hail, so once again we were thankful for a loving Father's care and protection. Soon the coolies arrived with our bedding and food all nice and dry. We were not long in getting into warm dry togs, and then began the famous council of war. We had forgotten that there were stopping charges at the bungalows. . . . We had not nearly enough to cover expenses for so large a party! . . . Maybe we could speed up and not occupy so many bungalows, but the coolies, when called, declared it was impossible to cover the ground as quickly as we planned, owing to the steepness of the ascent and the weight of the luggage. We thought we might borrow money, but it had been a hard year, famine conditions had prevailed in that section, and money was not to be had. . . . It was finally decided that the ladies of the party should return to Almora. The sahibs rebelled, but after much reasoning and many assurances that we had greatly enjoyed the trip thus far, and felt that for some good reason our Father was pointing us to the road leading back to Almora, they finally consented to go on and allow us to have our way.

Now our thoughts turn to another subject as we see a woman come down to the water's edge on the opposite side of the river with a little light. Circling it around her head, she worshipped some Hindu deity and set the little earthen saucer of lighted oil afloat on the water. Two coolies came up and watched the sight. What a wonderful opportunity to tell them of the true God and of His love and provision for us poor sinners. They listened most eagerly and were promised a Gospel on their return, as one eagerly declared he could read and seemed so anxious to have this precious book with its Good News. How I wished we could have planned to stay an extra day and do work for the Lord in that village! But we prayed that the few words spoken might have fruit. . . .

The next morning we parted, the men to follow the Surju up stream, we to follow it down. The Hindus claim the Surju as a sacred river, for was it not in a branch of the Surju, named the Kali, that the great Hindu God, Ram, and his brother Lachman drowned themselves? I could now tell the Hindus of Babina that I had looked upon the muddy waters (not always muddy, I'm told) of the Surju River.

About one and a half miles out a storm threatened, so we took shelter in the home of a Hindu Sadhu. He graciously gave us a seat and a lovely white blossom and then went back to his *puja* (worship) . . . . As we neared the top of the long hill, four miles long with an ascent of about 4,000 ft., we could see a terrific storm brewing, and Miss Whatling urged us to hurry to a house on the top of the mountain belonging to the tea and fruit farm. It was surrounded by a narrow veranda and protected by a stone fence and locked gate. We climbed over the fence and sitting on the veranda of the little fruit house watched a most magnificent sight. Off to the left the black thunder-clouds blotted out the landscape, while to the right the snow-clad peaks gleamed and glistened in the sunlight. Nearer came the storm, the pines and deodars bowing before it, a sharp patter of rain and hail, and fifteen minutes later the sun again appeared, though we could see the storm raging off in the direction of Nanda Devi (at whose foot is the glacier).

Over the top! Now down the other side, but first a stop at the 'dhobi ghat' near the top, where we ate our sandwiches and drank our fill from a mountain fountain, spouting out of the rocky hill-side. At the foot we noted again the green clusters of butterflies as they still clung to the branches of a tree. A lovely walk through the meadow and up the last long mile, a rise of over 1,000 feet. A Hindustani couple came up the hill and passed us almost as if on wings, while we struggled on with leaden feet. At the pass we found Miss Whatling waiting. Only half a mile down a gentle slope to the Takula bungalow. How surprised was the *chaukidar,*—we had left him only the morning before. About half an hour later some 8 or 9 pack-horses arrived followed by coolies. A 'bearer' with his fancy *pagri* and a very important-looking orderly flew around, opening boxes, spreading out a lace table cover and pretty quilts, for a 'Sahib' was coming. Just before dark arrived a Mr. MacDonald who has charge of all such bungalows in this vicinity.

The first part of our route the next day lay through a lovely meadow with only a gentle rise for about two and a half miles, then began a steeper climb through a lovely wood. . . . Over the top, and down a gentle slope winding all around the mountainside we travelled some three miles. We now felt we were nearly home as we neared 'Dinapani', a favourite picnic spot some three and a half miles from home, where we could look straight across to where the three stay-at-homes rested, all unconscious of our return.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

YOUNG WOMEN'S STUDIES

WE would again remind the young women of the Study Charts available for use in their groups.

Other Forces as Rivals of Christian Missions—eight themes are arranged in this chart based on the books, **Calvinism and Social Problems; Beyond Statistics; The Clash of World Forces; Church, Community and State.** Short articles and excerpts from various sources are supplied to supplement the above books. Total cost, $3.25.

Canada—Study one.—This chart has been revised to bring it up to date. Plans for six meetings are outlined, based on booklets and leaflets dealing with the history, organization and administration of the Women's Missionary Society. It features our work among the

Chinese in Canada and the Indians of Canada. Total cost, with map of our mission fields, 60 cents.

South China and Manchuria.—This chart provides for six meetings based on the books, **China Her Own Interpreter; As it Looks to Young China; The Chinese Church in Action; World Tides in the Far East.** Information on our work is provided by the biographies of Dr. Jessie MacBean, Miss Agnes Dickson and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, and a statement on Manchuria by Dr. Allan Reid. Total cost, including map, $2.60.

India—Study one.—The chart outlines plans for six meetings based on the books, **The Hindu; The Star of India; India on the March; Sister India.** Information on our work is supplied by excerpts from reports and articles. This year another book, **The Untouchables' Quest,** has been added. Total cost, including map, $1.95.

Study Two.—Six meetings are planned, based on the books, **India Insistent; India in the Dark Wood; India Looks to her Future; An Indian Approach to India; Hinduism.** Information on our work is given in leaflets. Total cost, including map, $2.80.

Note.—Any group wishing to order a Study Chart or receive suitable study material may do so through Miss T. Negoro, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto. Please make all money orders payable to "**Secretary of Publications.**"

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

On Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

—Colonel John McCrae.

AGAIN the month of Remembrance is with us. Armistice Day the 11th November used to be called, but now we observe it as a day when we remember those who gave their lives for the freedom of the world, who died that we might be free. Once again on the eleventh day of this month, we shall listen to the solemn requiem notes of the ''Last Post''. We shall see also the poppy worn by all, for since the above poem was written, the poppy has become the flower of remembrance.

It is strange how our attitude to Remembrance Day has changed with the passing years. Once we remembered more in anger than in sorrow, but the kindly hand of time has erased much of our anger, and to-day our thoughts are more of peace, and the prayer in our hearts is, ''O God, grant that war may never come again.'' This year our prayer will be more earnest than usual, for we see the nations of the world arming again for war, some, in fact, already engaged in actual warfare, a warfare which threatens at any moment to break beyond the bounds of the countries affected and involve all the nations of the earth in a great world war. And we wonder if the cause of peace is entirely lost and we also wonder what we as women and girls may do to bring about world peace.

If you read Col. McCrae's poem again, you will find no note of regret for those who died (Col. McCrae also gave his life); they did their duty and made the ultimate sacrifice for an ideal; but the poem charges those who remain to continue the fight for Honour, Truth, Faith and Peace. When the war was over a spirit of selfishness and greed all too often replaced the spirit of self-sacrifice shown by those who fought and those who died. Nations that had fought side by side began to view one another with the suspicion and distrust that has been very evident in the world ever since.

These are the foes that we leaders and girls must fight and conquer, if we hope to bring in a true brotherhood of man. But, you ask, where can we start? Well, I read not long ago in an article by Dorothea Bradde: ''There's just two kinds of folks in the world, the kind that wants to bring in Kingdom Come by working on others; and the kind that judges they got to work on themselves if they want to bring Kingdom Come.'' It is easy to detect faults in others, but difficult to honestly admit that we ourselves have the same faults. We may not be able to shake the world with our efforts at self-reform, but if by the grace of God we can drive envy, jealousy, selfishness and ignoble ambition from our lives, we may be sure that the influence of our lives will pass to others and in the circle in which we move there will be love instead of hate, and we shall have begun a movement which may be world-wide for peace. Above all, let us not forget that the virtues shown in war-time—patriotism, unselfishness, courage, and self-sacrifice—

are the very virtues by which we may promote the cause of peace. A peace—

> Whereby our dead shall sleep in honour unbetrayed,
> And we in faith and honour keep
> The peace for which they paid.
> —*Rudyard Kipling.*

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

BROTHERS

JACK KNOWLES stood on the deck of the liner as she slowly made her way to the wharf at Havre. He felt lonely, for he felt as if he had left Canada a long time ago, and he had to go right across France and Germany to Munich. He was on his way to visit an uncle and aunt who were staying there while his uncle finished writing a book. Jack wished to learn German, and his parents thought it was a splendid opportunity for him to do so.

The problem had been how to get him there. Jack was only twelve and could not travel by himself. At length his parents heard of a Frenchman who had been touring Canada with his wife and son about Jack's age and who would be very glad to let Jack accompany them as a companion for the latter. They were to sail from New York at the end of June on one of the boats of the French Line.

Jack had been delighted and had felt very important when it was first decided that he should go and see Europe and stay for a whole year in a foreign country. As the time came for him to start, however, he began to wish more and more that he did not have to go. When he was actually sitting in the taxi between his father and mother on the way to the station, he had to gulp very hard to keep from crying. Worst of all was the moment when his father said good-bye on the deck of the *Ile de France*. If Mme. Lambert had not been so kind, he knew he would have cried like a baby. Gradually the lump in his throat disappeared, and he was ready to run round the deck with Jacques—strange to say, this French boy had a name that sounded almost like his own.

Soon they were firm friends, although Jack thought it odd that Jacques shook hands with him when they first spoke to each other, just like a grown-up person. They shared a stateroom, and Mme. Lambert had often to knock on the door in the early morning to make them keep quiet. The weather was fine, and they had a splendid time with two companions, a Japanese boy and a Greek boy, racing round the deck, playing deck-tennis or other games, and finding out as much as they could about how the boat was run. When the coast of France came in sight, Jack was quite desolate at the realization that he would have to part from his new friend, for his uncle was to meet him when the liner docked. He had never imagined that he could like a boy from another country so much, and he looked forward to seeing him again some time. He had had his first practical lesson, although he did not put it that way, in the real brotherhood of man—and of boys.

—Dr. Agnes R. Riddell.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. C. E. Jamieson, 1610 12th Ave., W., Calgary, Press Secretary

At recent Board meetings, Mrs. Sykes presented her report of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting, with a concise outline of business slated for discussion at the annual Provincial meeting.

Calgary P.S.—The Presbyterial Executive arranged an open meeting in the summer, to which they invited Auxiliary members to hear Mrs. McClenaghan give her report of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting. This was a vivid panorama of the four days' devotional and business sessions, proving instructive and inspiring to those who listened. An item of welfare work presented through an Auxiliary President was endorsed and undertaken in co-operation with the Young Women's Auxiliary, whose contribution of lovely knitted goods and flannelette garments was supplemented by a cash donation at a subsequent meeting. Mrs. G. Rae presided in the absence of the President, Mrs. Rodger.

The Calgary section of the Provincial Board convened before the above meeting, when minutes of the Board forwarded from Edmonton were read and discussed. Mrs. Harback and Mrs. McClenaghan were present from out of town, and the latter provided first-hand information on points under discussion.

The opening fall meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary was well attended. A short presentation of the British and Foreign Bible Society work and campaign was given by its representative, Rev. A. A. Lyttle. Miss Murdeen McIvor gave an interesting paper on our hospitals in the homeland, and Mrs. A. Wylie spoke on the overseas hospitals. This meeting was in charge of Group 1, and with the hope of encouraging the spirit of leadership the group convener, Mrs. J. M. Moodie, presided during the devotional and programme period, and Mrs. T. M. Allen, Auxiliary President, conducted the business. Donations of money amounting to about $22.00 were received for Rev. Mr. Young's Christmas distribution in India. A project undertaken by the members, to supply furnishings for a small manse in an Alberta district, was reported on and a letter of appreciation and thanks read by the Convener of this committee, Mrs. C. E. Lasher.

The Junior Young Women's Auxiliary, recently organized by Miss Pelton, had a very happy get-together hike. Miss Betty Freeman is the President and Miss Maybelle Buchan, the Secretary.

Cayley Auxiliary last year circulated the annual report among its members. A programme built on the findings of the various members would make for an interesting meeting.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN P.S.—In September the Armstrong W.M.S. Auxiliary met at the home of Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Barber. After the opening devotional period, the annual report was studied, as that seemed a good way to begin work again. The articles for the Supply Department were displayed and the bales packed. It was decided to take steps to organize a Young Women's Auxiliary.

Kootenay P.S.—At the first meeting of the Ellen Dow Mission Band of St. Stephen's Church, Creston, after the holidays, a review of their honour roll work was held. A corn roast followed at the home of their leader, Mrs. J. W. Dow, who has given them the motto—Good Mission Banders must be workers not shirkers.

Knox Church Mission Band members, New Denver, entertained their mothers and the minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, at a special model meeting. Each child answered the roll call with the name of an overseas missionary, the station, date of appointment, and character of work carried on. Mrs. Taylor told them a story of a Bible and what happened to it. Then a missionary contest was judged. Each child wrote a short essay on a special missionary, supplemented by pictures of the places and people. This has proved a good way to stimulate interest. At the close refreshments were served by Miss Blyth assisted by Miss Edna Shannon. The meeting was a great credit to children and leaders.

The New Denver Auxiliary wishes to acknowledge the great help Miss Ruby Blyth has been to them in their work.

Westminster P.S.—At a special meeting of Presbytery in Fairview Church, Vancouver, in conjunction with the W.M.S., Miss Edith M. Magee was designated as a missionary teacher. Mrs. R. M. Thomson introduced Miss Magee as a daughter of Vancouver with a distinguished educational career in British Columbia who is answering the call to higher service.

In June the Jamieson Auxiliary and the Ladies' Aid of St. Stephen's Church, New Westminster, met to bid farewell to Miss S. V. Scott, deaconess, and Mrs. A. H. Gordon, an Honorary President of the Provincial Society and for long an active member of Jamieson Auxiliary, both moving to Vancouver. In appreciation of her work in St. Stephen's, especially among the young people, Miss Scott was presented with *The Exile,* by Pearl Buck, while to Mrs. Gordon was given a petit point purse. On behalf of the teen-age girls, too, Miss Jean Tait presented *In the Steps of the Master,* by H. V. Morton, to Miss Scott.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON P.S.—Brandon Presbyterial executive meeting in September was the largest since 1925, 100 per cent. of the country Secretaries being in attendance. Mrs. J. A. Gray presided. The reports were all optimistic, and many plans were discussed for the coming year. A new Auxiliary was reported at Bellafield and Hilton and the hope was expressed that much blessing may result in the work there. Mrs. G. V. Hopkins, Girls' Organizations and Young Women's Secretary, reported the organization of the Goforth Girls' Auxiliary from the Mission Band senior members at Hartney. Mrs. Yuill, Melita, reported that her district had been responsible for holding services in the absence of a minister during the cold weather, the choir, Sunday School, the Girls' Auxiliary and the W.M.S. Auxiliary taking part in turn during the winter months, so that each congregation had one Sunday service. It was agreed to discourage the holding of teas, etc., to augment the funds in any of our branches, one lady pointing out that the Women's Missionary Society is the only Society in the Church that raises money entirely by freewill offerings. Members of Presbytery, meeting in the Church, joined the women at tea.

Winnipeg P.S.—A large number of members from Kildonan W.M.S. Auxiliary met with the Knox Church Auxiliary, Stonewall, on September 2nd. Such joint meetings are beneficial to both Auxiliaries, as they afford an opportunity for the interchange of ideas. The Presbyterial President brought a splendid message and report from the Enlarged Council Executive meeting. The ladies from Winnipeg were entertained at the close of the meeting by the Knox Church Auxiliary.

At the September meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg, Rev. W. Gordon Maclean gave a word of encouragement at the opening of the fall season, and gave an interesting talk on his recent vacation in the Old Land. In Scotland his attention was drawn to the good attendance at Church services, particularly of young people. Mr. Maclean attended the World Conference on Faith and Order in Edinburgh.

The Provincial and Presbyterial Presidents brought to the various departmental Secretaries valuable information from the Enlarged Council Executive meeting in May.

ONTARIO

Miss E. MacBeth, 206 Havelock Street, Toronto, Press Secretary

AN outstanding event in the history of Eadies' Presbyterian Church was the celebration in September of the 50th anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. Leslie Fortune presided. ''A History of the Auxiliary since 1887'' was given by Mrs. Reuben Appleby. Mrs. K. MacLean, President of Maitland Presbyterial, in her address on ''The Missionary Spirit'', brought fresh inspiration to her hearers. The candles on the birthday cake were lighted by Miss Beatrice Eadie and Miss Catherine Fortune, charter members of the Auxiliary.

At the Golden Jubilee service of Claude Auxiliary, Orangeville Presbyterial, Mrs. H. E. Caslor presided. ''The Story of the Past Fifty Years'' was prepared and read by Miss Mary Balmer and Mrs. Fred Faulkner, and a history of the Mission Band organized 42 years ago given by Mrs. J. Petch. Congratulatory messages were received from many friends and former members. A buffet luncheon was served in the school room which was artistically decorated in gold and white by the girls of the congregation. Mrs. Andrew Griffen lighted the candles and Mrs. Archie McColl cut the cake.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Napier, in Sarnia Presbyterial, held a Thank-offering meeting to mark the completion of thirty-nine years of service. Mrs. T. A. Bell, London, the guest speaker, found to her delight that daughters and grand-daughters of members of the Auxiliary she had organized 39 years ago were carrying on the work with joy and enthusiasm. Mooretown Auxiliary held a delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Marshall. Rev. Ross Adams, newly inducted pastor at Corunna, spoke of his work on the mission fields of Northern Ontario, paying tribute to the endurance and loyalty of the people.

At the September rally of Huron Presbyterial in Blyth Mrs. D. J. Lane, Goderich, urged the members to make the Thank-offering meeting an event this year in return for bountiful gifts. The roll call of Auxiliaries was responded to by each Home Helpers Secretary relating an interesting feature about her group. Mrs. D. Strachan, Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), gave an address, speaking of making use of the different branches of the Society, members from little children to adults moving up from one department to another. Once when asked to speak to a Mission Band she found her audience was made up of women in their forties! These women had not made use of their organization, remaining a Mission Band when they should have been an Auxiliary. ''What you want in the world to-morrow put in the heart of the child to-day; so pay attention to your Mission Bands and younger organizations.'' ''Interest in missions is like interest in the bank, you cannot take anything out unless you put something in''. These were some of her remarks given with forceful enthusiasm which roused every one in her audience. Speaking on the Retiring Fund for Missionaries, she urged that it be remembered and responded to generously. A framed In Memoriam certificate was presented by the Presbyterial to Bayfield Church in memory of Mrs. Fraser, who for many years gave devoted service to the Society.

At the 23rd annual meeting of Peterborough Presbyterial in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, 70 delegates were present. Mrs. James Dutton voiced appreciation for the sixteen years' faithful and efficient service rendered by Mrs. D. Ewart, who resigned as President. Mrs. H. Morgan reported on the memorial of Dr. Goforth, intended for Mrs. J. Goforth, but as Toronto Presbyterial had already made Mrs. Goforth an Honorary Member it was decided to honour Mrs. W. G. Davis, of Manchuria, who was claimed by Mrs. Goforth as ''an answer to prayer''. An instructive address on ''Christian Missions'' was given by Rev. B. Black, Campbellford. Mrs. Dutton installed the officers.

At the first sectional meeting of Barrie Presbyterial in Willis Church, Jarratt, Mrs. B. D. Armstrong presided. Addresses were given by Mrs. Allan Reoch, Manchuria, Miss Isabel Taylor, Formosa, Mrs. K. N. Cooper, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair.

Chatham Presbyterial reports sectional meetings in Knox, Windsor, Dresden and Bothwell, with Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Orillia, as guest speaker. The Isabel McConnell Y.W.A., Leamington, held an open meeting when a beautiful layette was on display. Mrs. Wm. Tuckey, Presbyterial President, addressed Sunbeams Y.W.A., Wallaceburg, at a recent meeting.

The autumn rally of Toronto Presbyterial in Bonar Church was well attended. Mrs. A. C. Stewart presided. Greetings from the International Union of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies brought by Miss B. MacMurchy and an inspiring ''Broadcast of our W.M.S. Work'' by Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), were the highlights of the afternoon session. Miss Margaret Jackson, of Bonar C.G.I.T., reported on ''Camp Life at Glenmohr''. In a splendid address at the evening session, which was in charge of the Young Women's Department, Mrs. J. D. Holman, Young Women's Secretary, told of the work being done in the Western Provinces and set forth its needs. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Secretary for India, introduced Miss Edith M. Magee, of British Columbia, under appointment to the Helen Macdonald School, Jhansi. Miss Hildur Hermanson, on furlough from Formosa, was warmly welcomed. Great interest was shown in the display of supply work and the literature table during the supper recess.

Tiverton Auxiliary in Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial reports an interesting meeting held in the manse, when the Provincial and Presbyterial meetings were reviewed. There was a gratifying response to a request for a shower for the bale; $15 in cash and many useful articles were donated. At the July meeting of Port Elgin Auxiliary an address by Mrs. Dodds, wife of the student minister, was much appreciated. Miss Jean Beare, Toronto, was the soloist.

To St. Andrew's Home Helpers, Port Credit, Mrs. W. Hall, 1st Vice-President of Toronto Presbyterial, gave a stirring address on the "Women of the Church." The bale with a summer and winter outfit for a girl, eight quilts and many hospital supplies, was displayed.

QUEBEC

MRS. C. RITCHIE BELL, 251 OUTREMONT AVE., OUTREMONT, PRESS SECRETARY

Resolution in memory of Mrs. D. M. Rowat and Mrs. J. D. Anderson, presented to the Quebec Provincial Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, September 21, 1937.

"AND I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Since it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take unto Himself our fellow workers, Mrs. D. M. Rowat, the gracious Convener of our Courtesy Committee, and Mrs. J. D. Anderson, who for many years was our talented Press Secretary, we, the members of the Quebec Provincial Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, give thanks to God for the years of devoted service given by these members for the extension of the Master's kingdom, in the cause of Missions.

Their lives were peculiarly interwoven: by manse associations, by each having given a son to the ministry, and by the marriage of a son and a daughter.

They were both called Home suddenly, within a short time of one another. Their bodies rest in quiet country places, not far separated, 'neath the shadow of the Church they so faithfully served.

"Lord, when Thou seest that my work is done
Let me not linger on with failing powers
Adown the weary hours,
A workless worker in a world of work.
But with a word just bid me home,
And I will come right gladly;
Yea, right gladly will I come."

We, their fellow workers, knew their worth, and we treasure precious, sacred memories of the years we have met with them in Christian fellowship.

We mourn our irreparable loss, but rejoice in their example of strong faith and joy in the Master's service. Let us hear the call. May we yield our lives in a truer, deeper consecration, and pray that God may send His own to take up their work.

To the members of their sorrowing families we extend heartfelt sympathy, and, with them, let us think of our beloved fellow-workers as amongst those who are ''before the throne of God and serve Him day and night'' in that land where glory dwelleth and where ''the Lamb is the Light thereof.''

''When I shall die and leave you here awhile,
Be not like others sore undone who keep
Long vigils by the silent dust and weep.
For my sake turn again and smile,
Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do
Something to comfort weaker hearts than thine.
Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine,
And I, perchance, may therein comfort you.''

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''Our Own Work and its Advancement'' was the subject of the September open meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial when members rallied to hear reports on both home and overseas missionary endeavour. The large audience was much interested in hearing details of the bales of goods going forward to five Indian reservations in the West and to other communities where conditions have been unfavourable. Mrs. M. E. Pritchard, Supply Secretary, read a long list of churches in the Presbyterial that had forwarded outfits and cheques to be distributed where most needed. Mrs. A. W. Pae enlarged on Mrs. Pritchard's report, and gave a general view of the supply work of the Society, stressing the importance of keeping up the quality of the contents of bales. Missionary endeavour in local Auxiliaries was set forth in detail by various departmental Secretaries, including the Home Helpers Secretary, who gave details of special activities in nine districts. The Treasurer reported that just under $4,000 had been forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer and indicated that the allocation would be met. A new officer was welcomed to the Presbyterial Board, Mrs. A. D. MacGregor, Vice-President, representing all out-of-town Young Women's activities. Formerly Secretary of the South Shore Young Women's Auxiliaries, she has had a large share in the success of that work. Mrs. W. E. Baker, the President, was in the chair. The devotional services were led by Miss Agnes Dickson and Mrs. O. R. Campbell.

A sectional meeting of Quebec Presbyterial was held at Flodden on October 1st with 40 delegates present. Mrs. Stalker, of Windsor Mills, presided. Mrs. Owen R. Campbell, of Montreal, spoke on ''Our Church and what it stands for''. After explaining what a Church really consists of, Mrs. Campbell traced the history of our own, the martyr Church, explained our privileges and responsibilities as Christians, and urged her hearers not to be discouraged by what appeared to be small opportunities. The Flodden Auxiliary, of only four members, was cited as an example of faithfulness. The privilege of being members of the Women's Missionary Society was emphasized and the speaker closed her very inspiring address with a plea for greater consecration and prayer in the lives of all members. The Rev. Mr. Hughes expressed appreciation of the address and Mrs. Price, Presbyterial President, gave the closing words. A social hour concluded an afternoon of uplifting fellowship.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE ALBERT P.S.—A meeting to organize a Young Women's Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Alexander, Tisdale. Each member of the W.M.S. Auxiliary invited a young woman interested in the work. Mrs. Alexander addressed the meeting, giving the ''Aims and Object'' of a Young Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Election of officers followed, the newly elected officers being installed by Mrs. McKay in a very impressive manner. Rev. Mr. Gowland, of St. Andrew's Church, Tisdale, then gave a missionary address.

In July a special Home Helpers meeting was held by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Tisdale. Each member invited a prospective Home Helper. An address on the work of the Home Helpers was given and all were asked to become members of the W.M.S., if possible.

Regina P.S.—Through the removal to Peterborough, Ontario, of Mrs. James Walker, Carnduff, the Regina Presbyterial reports the loss of a valued friend and worker and an Honorary Vice-President.

We are pleased to record the reorganization of two Auxiliaries during the summer,—Strasbourg, Mrs. J. McKenzie, President, and Dunleath and Stornoway, Mrs. Peter Morrison, President.

At their September meeting First Church Auxiliary, Regina, enjoyed a special message of courage from Miss Lamont, Field Secretary. The present crisis should be viewed as an opportunity, a responsibility, and a field of endeavour. Mrs. Ralston, Provincial President, spoke on Prayer as found in the Psalms. Greetings were sent to Mrs. H. R. Horne, who is in the East.

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September 30th, 1937

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Japan	58.10
South China	250.00
Organization	377.15
Publications	2,116.89
Special Retiring Allowances	146.66
Welcome and Welfare and Deaconesses	1,421.01
Grant to the Canadian School of Missions	100.00
Education of Chinese Medical Candidate	270.00
Miscellaneous	144.62
New Missionaries	122.20
Exchange	1,241.64
Administration	343.82
	$18,137.95

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RECEIPTS:

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Rent of Bungalow in Japan	30.00
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A Friend	200.00
Manitoba Provincial, gold mite-boxes	13.75
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	$350.18

DISBURSEMENTS:

Sustaining Fund—	
Ministers in drought area in Saskatchewan	1,000.00

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ALTERATIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

British Columbia

Victoria P.S.—Our attention has been drawn to the fact that $33.25 of the $442.65 reported as the contribution of Auxiliary Home Helpers in Victoria Presbyterial should have been credited to the Y.W. Home Helpers of Knox Church, Victoria.

Ontario

Provincial Officers—page 129—New Home Helpers Secretary, Mrs. H. C. McKellar, 80 Augusta St., Hamilton; Mrs. R. C. Campbell, Life Membership Secretary, address changed to 322 Ingersoll Ave., Woodstock.

Kingston P.S.—Officers—page 156—New Recording Secretary (pro tem), Mrs. A. E. Cameron, R. R. No. 1, Kingston.

Toronto P.S.—Officers—page 180—New Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Marks, 90 Pearson Ave., Toronto; new Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Donald Hendry, 169 Wright Ave., Toronto.

Quebec

Provincial Officers—page 187—Miss R. D. Smith, Welcome and Welfare and *Glad Tidings* Secretary, address changed to 4350 Hingston Ave., N.D.G., Montreal.

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A Christmas Carol

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world,
But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire,
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.

—Gilbert K. Chesterton.

Service for the First Auxiliary Meeting of the New Year, January 1938

Prepared by a member of Saskatchewan Provincial Board

THE WAY OF PRAYER

Leader: Aim — That we seek to advance our missionary cause by making use of the unlimited power which comes through prayer and faith.

Response, by all in unison:

''O Thou by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself hath trod,
Lord, teach us how to pray.''

Hymn 74: O God, our help in ages past.

Prayer in unison: ''Master divine, we thank Thee for this New Year with its new opportunities of service for Thee and communion with Thee. We thank Thee for the landmarks passed and new vistas opening ahead: for new hope and inspiration. We thank Thee that, for those who love Thee, the best is ever yet to be.''

Leader: The Need of Prayer—Matt. IX: 37, 38.

''Never have there been such extensive and convincing evidences of the poverty and inadequacy of human means and agencies for furthering the welfare of humanity. Never has there been such a widespread sense of the need of superhuman help. Never have there been such challenges to Christians to undertake deeds requiring Divine co-operation. Never has there been such a manifest desire to discover the secret of the abiding and of the releasing of God's power. Interest in prayer is world-wide.''—John R. Mott.

Hymn 493: Prayer is the soul's sincere desire.

Leader: What is Prayer?

Response: Prayer is talking reverently with God and listening for His voice.

Prayer is communion of the soul with God.

''Prayer is friendship with God.''

''Prayer is claiming our sonship.''

''Prayer is the practice of the presence of God.''

''Prayer is a strong and secret uplifting of the heart to the Father of all.''

''Prayer is co-operation with God.''

''Prayer is the personal appropriation of this faith—that God cares for each of us.''

Scripture reading: God cares for us—Matt. XVIII: 12-14; Matt. X: 29-31; Hebrews IV: 15, 16; Romans VIII: 14-17; John XVII: 20-23.

Prayer: For all members and officers of the Women's Missionary Society, that we may rededicate our lives in loving service for Thee, that Thy spirit may come into our hearts and drive out what separates us from Thee; for our Church in all her undertakings; for our young people and all who influence them in school, church and home, that they may be led to "put first things first"; for our ministers, our home missionaries, and for our missionaries overseas, that they may be strengthened and encouraged in these difficult times.

Leader, or other members: The Conditions of Effective Prayer are—

1. Humility—"Except ye become as little children, ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."
2. Faith—Mark XI: 22-24.
3. Obedience—John XV: 10-12.
4. A forgiving spirit—Matt. V: 23-24.
5. Abiding in His Word—John XV: 7.
6. Seeking Him with *all* our hearts—Jeremiah XXIX: 13.

Hymn 490: Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat.

Prayer: For all who suffer because of war; that peace may reign in this world. Mrs Simpson

Leader: What Prayer does—

"True prayer puts us at God's disposal."

"Prayer gives the wise and loving God a chance to do what His wisdom and love want done."

"Prayer opens the door to the will of God."

"Prayer opens our lives to God so that His will can be done in and through us", for in true prayer we say and mean, "Thy will be done."

"Prayer makes it possible to know God as a friend"—Exodus XXXIII: 11; James II: 23.

"Constant friendship with God transforms the life until it becomes susceptible to what God is. Ten minutes spent in Christ's society every day, ay, two minutes, if it be face to face and heart to heart, will make the whole life different."—Henry Drummond.

"Prayer transforms our lives into channels through which God's purpose may be released into the world."

Hymn 512: Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.

Closing Prayer: Numbers VI: 24-26, in unison—

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee:
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Note:—"The Conditions of Effective Prayer" or "What Prayer Does" might be used as the basis of an address at this meeting.

A Word from the Treasurer

IN order that the Women's Missionary Society may meet its estimates for 1937, or indeed meet its expenditures, it is necessary that all its members make a *very special effort* in December. To this end as Treasurer I appeal most earnestly to each one. It is right that the members know exactly where we stand, and it looks like a deficit at present.

Moreover, it is felt that our members should share with the Finance Committee a condition which is giving that Committee very grave concern. It is that as things stand now the estimates for 1938 require to be cut by $7,000 to bring them to the $152,000 set by the Council.

The expenditures which must be cut represent no extravagance, simply work which must be done.

What member would like to be in the place of the Finance Committee and be obliged to close work, disappoint workers, and, worst of all, fall far short of what our own consciences tell us we should be doing? Will every member make an extra effort in December and so show the Finance Committee that the women of our Society are alive to the needs of the work?

—*(Mrs. Daniel) Helen M. Strachan.*

Editorial

Mrs. McKerroll Leaves the Council Executive

IT was with profound regret that the Council Executive accepted the resignation of Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll as one of its members, because of her removal to Niagara-on-the-Lake. From the resolution adopted at the Board meeting of the 2nd November, we quote the following:

"For over twenty-six years Mrs. McKerroll has served, first on the Board of Management of the Women's Home Missionary Society and, after the amalgamation of the three Societies, on the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It is impossible to recite all her activities as an Executive officer, but we may recall her work as Mission Band Secretary and as Convener of the Forward Movement Committee. For the latter she helped to prepare charts of the Society's work and she spoke effectively before Presbyteries and congregations. For the fiftieth anniversary of the Society she collected and prepared a noteworthy pictorial record. At the time of Church Union in 1925, Mrs. McKerroll became President of the diminished, but undaunted, Society, and to her guidance and devotion much of its quiet, steady recovery was due. Following her term as President, she became Secretary for Indian Residential Schools and represented the Society at several important conferences with the

Indian Department at Ottawa. This office she has filled until the present time.

''As representative of the Women's Missionary Society Mrs. McKerroll interpreted the Society to the Church at large, and worked effectively with its various Boards. She gave valuable service on the Sabbath School and Lantern Slide Committees, on the Deaconess Board, on the General Board of Missions and its sub-committees, and as a member of the Church's delegation to British Guiana. In interdenominational organizations, too, she carried a full share of the burden, especially as Chairman of the National Girls' Work Board.

''Mrs. McKerroll was devoted to young people. By personal contacts, in her Sunday School and Bible Classes and at their meetings, and by preparing and recommending study material, she laboured unceasingly to interest boys and girls in the Church and in missions. She was a sympathetic adviser at several Student Volunteer conventions and a valued lecturer at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. Her fellow members on the Council Executive were ever grateful for the spirit of youth shown in her bright smile, her chuckle of amusement, and her enthusiastic acceptance of each new challenge to service.

''Accepting Mrs. McKerroll's resignation with regret, the Council Executive sends her a message of love, gratitude and best wishes for her future happiness. Her years of service will stand as a splendid page in the history of the Women's Missionary Society.''

Miss Tennant in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario

EVEN the rather hurried visit she had been able to make to groups within the bounds of the Manitoba Provincial Society, Miss Tennant told the Council Executive, should bring good results. In Fort William and Port Arthur she spoke to Auxiliaries and Mission Bands as well as to girls' groups, and conferred with leaders to find out how best to help them. At Kenora she had an attentive audience in the pupils of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School. Their newly organized Canadian Girls in Training expect to be soon affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. In Manitoba some of the girls' work is being reorganized and Canadian Girls in Training groups formed. It is hoped that other work may develop later, and that some leadership training may be possible. She found a splendid Girls' Auxiliary in Hartney and very fine girls' work in Neepawa, and was delighted to meet about forty girls and young women at Lenore. On the return trip Miss Tennant organized a girls' group at West Fort William and visited Fort Frances, meeting the various missionary groups and speaking at the Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary. In Geraldton she had ''the biggest thrill'' of her trip, finding three groups whose leaders are doing a fine piece of community work,—one of the leaders goes out to Little Long Lac to meet the girls there. There were twenty-eight girls in uniform at the Geraldton meeting. In that rapidly growing mining town something is being done for the young, but not enough for the older people.

Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy

HAVING come on her furlough early, at short notice, in order to accompany Dr. Effie Winchester, who was ordered home on account of illness, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy was introduced by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich to the Council Executive at its meeting on the 2nd November. Five and a half years ago, Miss MacMurchy said, she had gone to India with many visions, and she still had visions. During her first term she had grown a great deal spiritually, so that now she felt herself better fitted to be a missionary. She had come home feeling that she wanted to go back, hoping to be used of God for work in India.

Referring to the Nurses' Home, she said that Miss McConnell and she were looking forward to great things with Dr. Quinn in charge of the Jobat Hospital, but until he has learnt the language and can give lectures, there can be no real training-school. She herself has become very much interested in the evangelistic work she has been engaged in lately, and regretted having to leave it. She emphasized the great need for another woman evangelist on that field.

Miss MacMurchy expressed her own and Dr. Winchester's appreciation of the great kindness shown them by members of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, especially in Bombay and on their arrival in New York. The Council Executive are deeply grateful to the sister Mission for the assistance given their missionaries.

Thoughts from the Edinburgh Conference

THE Edinburgh Conference on Faith and Order, Mr. Wilfred Butcher, Chairman of the Missionary Council of the Student Christian Movement, told the Council Executive, had brought home to him certain points concerning our Church in Canada and its missionary policy.

There had come to him the realization of how great had been the home task of the Church and how great had been the achievement in that field. Putting life into that work, however, had meant a certain weakening of the life of the Church, especially in the field of theology. The Church had not been greatly concerned, he felt, about the contents of the teaching; the nature of the preaching and teaching being done had been neglected, as also the supplying of adequate books. The result is that people do not know the nature of the Christian faith. Very little pioneer theological work has been done in Canada, he said, and few people were keeping up with theological studies. Another field that Mr. Butcher felt had been neglected was that of worship. In Canada the tendency was to follow the traditional form, which too often has lost its vitality and meaning, when elsewhere there have been new movements in the worship of the Church,—such, for instance, as the liturgical movement of the last forty years in the Roman Catholic

Church, which has led to a new discovery of the Bible and its meaning for Christian faith. More pressing, in Mr. Butcher's opinion, however, is the matter of the relation with other Churches. In Canada all Churches stayed more or less, he said, within their own protective covering, and have not faced the question of their relation with others. Why, he asked, are the Christian Churches in Canada competing one against another, with little attempt to work out any satisfactory practical basis of co-operation? It is difficult, because of profound differences of doctrine, but the Churches must together face these differences in faith and teaching. Religious and political differences had led to the neglect of our crying need—a consistent scheme of Christian education in the schools, but this difficulty must be overcome.

In foreign mission work the key-note of the Edinburgh Conference was—Hangchow. What will be its relation to the future? In missionary training we must be concerned not to make our differences more important than they are. We must have a sense of the Church of the future. It is essential that the emphasis should be on the training of native ministers, fitting them by a thorough intellectual equipment to meet Communists, etc.

It is noteworthy that the countries where œcumenical study would be most expected are those where it is least found. In Europe, where reasons for differences are most pronounced, a great deal of attention is being given to it; while in America, where there is less reason for difference, there is little or none, or in China, Japan, and India. An attempt must be made to get missionary-minded people thinking along such lines. Only through such study can we know what to believe.

A Regrettable Mistake

WE greatly regret a printer's error in the list of legacies in the November *Glad Tidings*. The first five amounts given at the top of page 396 were used for electric light in Amkhut, *not* for the bungalow in Manchuria. It should read:

Smith, Miss C.	Electric Light, Amkhut		$50.00
McGillivray, Mrs. Lily J.	" " "		500.00
Bailey, Mrs. M.	" " "		300.00
Ainslie, Mrs. J. M.	" " "		464.55
Percy, Mrs.	" " "	$50.00	
	Missionary Hospital Room, India	50.00	
		———	100.00

Foreign Missions Conference of North America

THE Foreign Missions Conference of North America,—the forty-fifth annual meeting of the Conference of Foreign Mission Boards in Canada and the United States—will be held in Toronto, on the 4th, 5th and 6th of January, 1938 This will be the first time in its history that the Conference has come to Canada. The Committee on Women's Work will meet on the 3rd January.

A Hundred Years of Foreign Mission Work

THIS year the Presbyterian Church of the United States has been celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the Board of Foreign Missions. An important phase of the Centennial was to be the raising of a special $1,000,000 fund, to be used for the immediate sending out of new missionaries, the restoration of cuts in missionary salaries, evangelistic, educational and medical expansion, and special urgent needs. The celebration culminated in meetings in churches throughout the land on 29th October to hear the radio message of Dr. Robert E. Speer, and in commemorative services on Sunday, 31st October.

"Glad Tidings" Subscriptions

THE end of the year 1937 is at hand and subscriptions for the *Glad Tidings* are coming in for 1938. Unfortunately, the number of paid subscriptions has fallen below the total for 1936. On the strength of last year's increase of over 1,600, four pages were added to the magazine, but if the subscriptions fall off, the enlarged form cannot be maintained.

At this season members are looking forward to the coming year, considering how to make their efforts more effective and how to get others interested in missionary things. Never have there been greater opportunities for missionary service than at present. If there is to be any hope of meeting the challenge of the world's need, there must be a widespread knowledge of missionary things throughout the Church. Real interest depends upon knowledge and every form of missionary effort must be intelligent, if it is to be effective. Through the *Glad Tidings* our Society seeks to keep the members in touch with its work in different parts of Canada and in other lands, as well as, in some measure, with some important aspects of world Christian missions. The magazine should, therefore, be in the hands of every member of the Society. The Auxiliary should feel some responsibility for seeing that the Home Helpers and Young Women's groups in the congregation get the *Glad Tidings*, and, also, the leaders of Girls' groups and Mission Bands.

Glad Tidings Secretaries report that there is still difficulty in getting money orders made out correctly, although few incorrect ones reach us. In accordance with the general policy of the Society, it is asked that money orders, or cheques, for the *Glad Tidings* be made payable to the Editor of the *Glad Tidings*,—that is, that in the space to be filled in to show to whom the order is payable should be written, "The Editor of the Glad Tidings". Subscriptions are sent to the Presbyterial *Glad Tidings* Secretary, who forwards them to our office. If for any reason subscriptions are sent in directly, the sender should *at once* notify the Presbyterial *Glad Tidings* Secretary that they have been sent.

Corner-stone of Porcupine General Hospital Laid

A NEW chapter is being added to the history of hospital service in Northern Ontario with the building of the Porcupine General Hospital to replace the present one, now much too small to meet the needs of that community. In making its plans, the Hospital Board decided that the honour of laying the corner-stone of the new hospital should go to a representative of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which on the 17th of February, 1926, opened the first hospital, operating it until in the summer of 1935 it was sold to the municipality of Tisdale.

At the ceremony, therefore, which took place on the afternoon of the 17th October, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll officiated. After declaring the stone "well and truly laid", she congratulated the community on thus realizing their dream in the hospital, which, she trusted, would be "a true symbol of our love of God and of brotherly love in the ministry of healing", and referred to the W.M.S. members throughout Canada who were interested in that afternoon's ceremony. Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies from South Porcupine and the Dome, with their leaders, provided a guard of honour, and a little Brownie, Peggy McLelland, presented Mrs. McKerroll with a bouquet of red roses. In his address, Mr. C. V. Gallagher, M.P.P., who had been reeve of Tisdale when our Society offered to build and operate a hospital there, said it had supplied the camp with one of its greatest blessings. "We owe that Society an undying debt of gratitude for its charity of twelve years."

The inscription on the trowel presented to Mrs. McKerroll as a memento of the occasion reads:

"Porcupine General Hospital
Corner-stone laid by
The Presbyterian Women's Missionary
Society, October 17th, 1937
In token of appreciation of original
Hospital Service in this Community."

Latest News from the Secretaries

BRITISH GUIANA

THE enlarged and re-decorated Canadian Presbyterian Church at Providence, Berbice, was re-opened and dedicated on September 12th, and the service was an occasion for genuine thanksgiving on the part of members and friends of the congregation who had worked so earnestly to make their building one worthy of God's name. The church was so crowded for this dedication service that many were forced to stand. Mrs. James Dunn, wife of the field missionary, unlocked the door and declared the building opened for the worship of God, and Rev. James Dunn, acting Chairman of the Council, dedicated the church and led in the service which followed, assisted by Rev. DeCourcy H. Rayner. Rev. Mr. Dunn congratulated the congregation upon their achievement. An interesting part of the service was the ordination of Mr. P. Bedessie as the first elder of the Church. The first child to be presented for baptism in the enlarged building was Charles Alexander, the four-months-old son of Rev. and Mrs. James Dunn.

On her arrival in British Guiana in July, Mrs. DeCourcy H. Rayner received a very cordial welcome, when a reception was held at the Burns Training Home for Girls at Johanna Cecilia, Essequibo. An address of welcome was read, after which Mr. and Mrs. Rayner were garlanded. In Mrs. Rayner's grateful reply she gave a vivid description of her experiences at the Coronation celebration in England, making special mention of the prominent part that India played. The second part of the function was a sumptuous feast, including *dal*, mutton and the famous Indian ''Paratha Roti'', which was eaten without knife or fork in the real Indian fashion.

Four missionaries from British Guiana visited Ontario recently—Rev. and Mrs. David Marshall, who have been on furlough, and Miss Olwen Davies and Miss Anne Storey who came up for the holiday season.

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CHINA AND MANCHURIA

IN connection with our Manchurian field we are glad to report that the Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Davis are in safety in Taonan after a vacation in Harbin during the summer, and Rev. E. H. and Mrs. Johnson are back in Szepingkai after their vacation in Peitaiho. Mr. Johnson writes: ''In Szepingkai things are almost normal—irregular train services, air-raid precautions, severe banditry and a certain tenseness in the atmosphere the only indications of war-time.''

The Rev. Allan and Mrs. Reoch are hoping to sail in January to Tokio, thus shortening their furlough in order to spend some months studying the Japanese language before proceeding to Szepingkai. Mrs. Reoch gave an interesting account of their work before the Council Executive in September and expressed their delight in the new houses with their conveniences and more suitable surroundings.

To our great regret we, in conjunction with many Mission Boards, were obliged to cancel the sailings of our two missionaries-elect to Manchuria in October. During the waiting time Mrs. Gehman is taking a course in Public Health Nursing and Miss Gibbs is assisting in the work amongst the Chinese in Toronto. Doctor Jessie MacBean has recently been given charge of our work amongst these Chinese women and children. We are most thankful that her improved health allows her to accept this responsibility.

Mrs. H. O. T. Burkwall with her husband has spent the summer in New Brunswick and later in the western States, but in November has been in Toronto and the vicinity doing deputation work. She is most heartily welcomed back to Canada.

Mrs. Donald MacGillivray is still in British Columbia en route to Shanghai. In October Mr. L. D. Cio, the new Deputy General Secretary of the Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, wrote that no member of the staff had left China and in spite of a sudden drop of sales owing largely to difficulty of distribution, and fewer workers, work was going on, the literature urgently needed being made available and new books prepared.

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INDIA

ON the 19th of October Dr. Effie Winchester and Miss Bessie MacMurchy arrived in Toronto after a satisfactory journey from India. We are thankful to be able to report that Dr. Winchester benefited greatly from the voyage and is making steady progress towards recovery. Her physician expects that she will regain normal health after a period of complete rest.

In order to accompany Dr. Winchester it was necessary for Miss MacMurchy to abandon plans for an evangelistic campaign in the Jobat villages to which she had looked forward and this impresses upon us the great need of another missionary to do definite evangelistic work in the Bhil field.

Another disappointment consequent on Dr. Winchester's having to leave Jobat is that once again the actual training of nurses in the

Mary Broadbent Home will need to be postponed until Dr. Quinn is in residence and has acquired the language. The Home is in use as a nurses' residence and as matron Miss McConnell has engaged Champabai, widow of Khunji Master, one of the Amkhut school teachers who died early in the year.

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JAPAN

Miss Mary E. Anderson is back at her work among the Koreans in Japan after her first furlough. The monthly workers' prayer-meeting the day after she arrived in Kobe gave her a good opportunity to meet many of the workers again. She found that there had been several changes during her absence: some of the Biblewomen have moved or exchanged and several are new. Two things, she said, particularly impressed her on her return: the difficulty of providing workers for all the places, for both Sunday services and mid-week prayer-meetings, and the number of places asking for Biblewomen—at the present time at least five, some of them to provide partial support. Miss MacLean, too, writes: "The pastors are asking for more Biblewomen and it does seem as if any number could be used. Each pastor has five or six churches, so that you can imagine what a help a Biblewoman is to him. The girls have to take services very often on the days he does not get to the church."

Marita Kim (Miss Anderson's helper), Miss Chang (Miss MacLean's helper), Soon In Ye (the nurse).

FORMOSA

WE are all familiar with the crisis in educational matters in Formosa in 1936, when the Girls' and Boys' Schools of our mission were taken over by the Japanese Government, to be carried on under the national system of education, which excludes all religious teaching. It must have been hard, indeed, for our missionaries to have faith without fear—faith that there would be no checks in their work; especially among the young people. Yet reports from the field show the fine spirit in which they have met the challenge to find new avenues through which to reach into the lives of the Formosans.

Under such headlines as: Three-Year Movement, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Bible Memorizing Scheme, Christian Youth Movement Conference, Preachers' Wives' Conferences, Women's Three-Weeks' Bible Conference, Training the Girls of Formosa, Hospital Evangelism, More Bible Women Needed, Development of Women's School Projects, Kindergartens, etc., many of which you have noticed in the *Glad Tidings,* we get some idea of their present methods of approach. When we add to these their regular preaching and teaching, their enforced study of both the Chinese and Japanese languages, we are proud of their strength of purpose, and should seek in every possible way to give them our support.

At present Miss Adams and Miss Burdick are in Tansui; Miss Ramsay, Miss Chisholm, and Miss Weir are in Taihoku, and Miss Douglas and Miss Heighton studying Japanese in Tokyo. Miss Taylor, on furlough, is taking a course at the Westminster Choir School in affiliation with Princeton University, and Miss Hermanson, who recently arrived in Canada on furlough, is with her family in the West. To these missionaries, and to all members of the North Formosan Mission staff, to the Formosan Women's Missionary Society, to the Biblewomen and other Christian workers, we in Canada send greetings, wishing them all the joys of Christmastide with continued and increasing blessings throughout the coming year.

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HOSPITALS

AS intimated in the October *Glad Tidings,* the Council Executive has decided to build a hospital at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. A beautiful site has been secured, plans have been completed, and a ten-bed hospital is in process of erection. It will be an up-to-date hospital, with many modern improvements.

There is great activity among the people of the district: schools are holding entertainments, groups of ladies have sent in their contributions, and other organizations are contributing; the whole district is aroused and eager to help.

The Supply Department has already sent out the allocations for the new hospital.

RESIDENCES

BECAUSE of changing conditions it was deemed wise to close the New Liskeard Residence at the end of June. The contents were disposed of and we are now pleased to report the sale of the building, after many years of service to the community.

At the opening of the fall term our other School Residences were filled to capacity. At Vegreville, the demand for more accommodation was so great that the Girls' Residence had to be re-opened. There are now thirty-five boys and girls enrolled and the outlook for the residences is very bright. A number of the students at Huntingdon graduated with honours and carried off many prizes.

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LANTERN SLIDES

THE Lantern Slide Committee announces that the present sets of slides and lecturettes are to be revised and brought up-to-date. The revised sets on Manchuria and Pioneer Mission Work in Western Canada will be available at the New Year. As soon as the other sets are revised, announcement will be made in the *Presbyterian Record* and the *Glad Tidings.*

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INDIANS IN CANADA

THE most interesting development in the Indian Department is the coming of two young girls from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School at Kenora to the Deaconess Training Home in Toronto. These two girls, Mary Begg and Mary Green, are being given a vocational course in Household Science at the Central Technical School. Both girls have made their uniforms, and their work reflects great credit on the teachers in the

Pupils at Indian Residential School, Birtle, Man.

Cecilia Jeffrey School. Mary Begg is taking piano lessons and Mary Green pipe-organ. The latter would like further instruction in playing the banjo, but, as she has no instrument, this is not possible at present. It is expected that these girls will return to the Reserve and use their talents in helping many who will not have their opportunities.

Miss Kathleen Stewart, Reg.N., of Monkton, Ontario, and Miss Margaret Robertson, formerly of New Liskeard, have been appointed to the staff at Birtle. Miss Stewart writes that the health of the children is good, scarcely a cough in the house. Two clinics have been held, an X-ray and an eye clinic. She is busy getting the hospital supplies in good order and carrying out the eye treatments under instructions from the Government doctor.

Miss Robertson writes an account of a day's duties. At 6.30 the children are wakened, dress and go down to wash. Each boy makes his own bed, and does it well. Two in turn sweep the dormitory. The girls have certain duties, sweeping and dusting. From 9 to 4 work goes on in the sewing-room. The boys are taught to darn their socks. From 5 to 6 there is supervision of the girls in the play-room, or a walk. After supper, clean clothes are given out, then baths, prayers and a bed-time story for the small boys. Surely a busy day!

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CHINESE IN CANADA

THE days and weeks roll past and the close of another year finds us looking back with gratitude to God for all that has been accomplished. Our Chinese friends all over the country have been deeply stirred by the state of affairs in their homeland, and have put forth strenuous efforts, and made sacrifices, to send help to their stricken fellow-countrymen.

The limitations of space prohibit us from recording all the many interesting things which have taken place in our work this year. Suffice it to say that we firmly believe we are making progress. It may be slow, but we pray it may be sure, and we are most grateful to all our workers for so earnestly carrying on, sometimes under grave difficulties and in the face of adverse criticism. We rejoice in the fact that Mrs. G. P. Louie has been restored to health and has been able to resume her work in Vancouver. We rejoice, also, in the appointment of Dr. Jessie MacBean to take charge of our work in Toronto, succeeding our beloved Esther Armstrong. Dr. MacBean and Miss Helena Gibbs, who is assisting in the work in Toronto at present, were welcomed at a most happy little reception in October.

The changes in personnel that come with the passing years make us realize that we must provide for the future, and it is our earnest hope and prayer that the day will soon come when young women will enter our Deaconess Training Home to prepare themselves definitely for the work among the Chinese in Canada.

DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

THE venture made by our Church last April in opening work in Kirkland Lake has already proved well worth-while. It was a real joy to those who were privileged to officiate at the first Communion service to see sixty-six persons present. Our deaconess, Miss Macarthur, in writing of her first impressions, says, ''The work here is so encouraging that one feels humbled and almost afraid. It would seem as though our Church was guided to come in here at just the prepared time.'' Six months have passed and we quote from a recent letter from our deaconess, ''In our Mission Band we are using the study book, *God's Children,* and are doing the suggested Band work. Our homes here are not large, so you may imagine thirty or more children gathered in one room. We are particularly fortunate in having three of the Sunday School teachers coming to help in the Band. All are mothers of small children. Our C.G.I.T. are busy now dressing dolls to put into the bale the women are planning to send to Saskatchewan.'' From this we see that in a short time the children and girls are organized; but, besides, the women of the congregation have a healthy Ladies' Aid Society working towards their objective of a church home of their own. This surely is a venture that should claim the interest of our entire Church membership.

It will be of interest to the members of our Society to know that again a deaconess has been sent to Pouce Coupe, British Columbia. Miss Ione Gordon, a graduate deaconess from Medicine Hat, arrived there in September to take up the work before the student who had been in the field for the summer left. In a recent letter Miss Gordon writes enthusiastically of her new work and of the organization of Young People's groups at Pouce Coupe and Tupper.

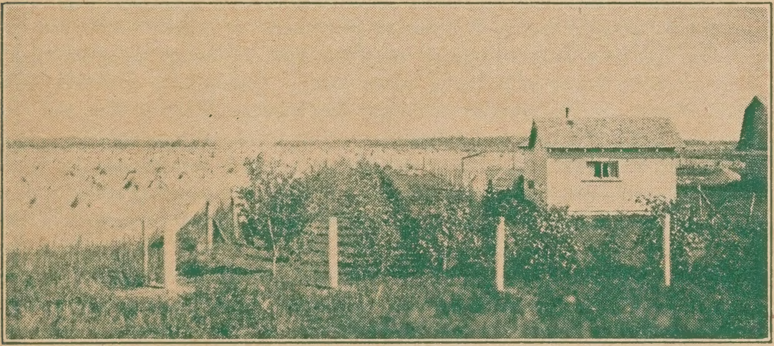
At Brownvale in the Peace River district a change had to be made as Miss Mary Todd was granted a year's leave of absence. Miss Todd has given outstanding service in Brownvale and it is our hope that the year spent in Ireland with her parents will be one of real joy and happiness. Miss Gertrude Rollo, who has taken up this work, is a graduate deaconess from Vancouver and will carry on the services and organizations as usual. Miss Rollo occupies the house previously owned by Miss Todd but recently purchased by our Society to be a permanent home for our deaconess.

Our nurse deaconess, Miss Helen Madill, has moved from Brownvale to Last Lake, where she is enjoying her new house, which she says is ''nice and comfortable''. In a recent letter Miss Madill writes, ''Nursing is getting busy now, but I do like to be busy. With my four Bands and two Girl Guides, together with other meetings, one is kept on the go.''

Miss Verlie Evans, our nurse at Dixonville, has been relieving Dr. Savage in her medical work, and helping in the evangelistic work.

Our tried and faithful deaconess, Miss Margaret Grigor, is now living at Prestville, where a new church has been opened and a new house built for our deaconess. The latter has been erected through the efforts of the women of the congregation. Miss Grigor, while still retaining her interest in the Wanham field where a student is stationed, will take charge of the Prestville district.

While our interest in the Peace River district continues, we are by no means unmindful of the splendid work being done in the older and more settled parts of the Dominion.



Home of deaconess, Brownvale, Alta.

An interesting letter from Miss Frieda Matthews describes the mining camp at Shaughnessy, where the houses are all one-storey buildings with two, three or four rooms. Some are painted, but the majority of them are just the colour of weather-beaten lumber. A few people have planted trees in front of their homes, but these have to be moistened with water from a nearby slough, and water is too precious—fifty cents a barrel—and is delivered at the homes only on Tuesdays and Fridays. Despite such conditions the people are in good spirits and Miss Matthews is looking forward to a good winter's work.

At the request of the Red Deer Presbytery, Miss Hazel Macdonald has, under its supervision, made a survey, and has fully organized in all points.

Did space permit, interesting accounts could be given of the work being done by each of our other deaconesses—Miss Shirley Scott in Vancouver, Miss Helen Ross in Regina, Miss Mabel Booth in Saskatoon, and Miss Margaret Allan, in Hamilton, each one giving of her best to further the interest in our Church and of Christ's Kingdom.

Other fields are calling for the services of a deaconess. Can we answer their appeal by sending one to them? We can if we all do our share.

INTERNATIONAL

IN an address delivered at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Dr. Robert E. Speer paid the following tribute to the power of the women of the world:

''A new force has been released in the world in the last twenty or twenty-five years . . . . Here we are, a great gathering of men. My friends, we do not represent the real dynamic of human progress. We may think we do. But behind us is the great force that is the real compelling influence in the world—the mothers, the wives, the sisters, who shape the generations as they come and pass. All that great energy is just beginning to release itself on the main levels of life in our new world. We are beginning in a new sense to realize what the New Testament is speaking of when it talks about veils being taken away. One of the greatest veils that has ever been across human society has been rent in our time, the veil that has hung over the face, and across the force, of womanhood. And the sooner we awake, the sooner we realize that this colossal energy is to be linked to the progress of the Gospel as it was that morning when women first saw the Resurrection, and bore first witness to it, the sooner will the new century tell a different story from the past, if here on its threshold the Christian Church discerns the signs of the time and makes adequate use of this tremendous force now released and held in the hands of the women of the world.''

At the women's meeting he had said: ''The call of the women of the world for what Christ and Christ alone can do for them was the call which was heard by the women of the past . . . . This same call is sounding for us to-day—louder and clearer than in our mothers' day. This is the call of the opened mind of the women of the non-Christian world, waiting to be filled with what? Shall it be the truth of Christ?''

The angels' song of long ago
Comes ringing down the fleeting years,
With all their strife, and pain, and woe,
And utter misery, and tears.

I hear it on this Christmas morn,
And with the ancient seer I see
The coming dawn, the day unborn,
The day of glorious liberty,

When men shall learn of war no more,
And bitter strife and bloodshed cease;
When every land, from shore to shore,
Shall hail the coming Prince of peace!

—*Thomas Blake.*

Prayer

OUR loving Father in heaven, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Bring us quietly, reverently, and joyously into the spirit of Christmastide.

Lead us, as Thou didst lead the shepherds of old, that we may faithfully follow in their steps to the feet of Christ. With the wise men of the East, we rejoice in exceeding great gladness and would pour out our treasures before Him. Help us lovingly to bring our gifts to the King that, with Him, we may know the joys of giving.

May we freely give of our cheer to brighten the hearts of the lonely and sad; of our strength to sustain the weak and erring; of our hopefulness to lift up the despairing and downcast; of our means to aid the needy and destitute; and of our love to strengthen and encourage all whose hands and lives we touch.

We pray that the whole world may accept Christ as Saviour, and that we may be enabled to prepare the way for Him.

In these days of chaos and strife when the clouds of hatred and greed, of selfishness and unworthy ambition hang heavily over our world, grant, O Father, that the Prince of Peace may dispel the darkness, that wars may cease and that universal brotherhood and goodwill may eventually prevail.

Use every one of us to advance Thy Kingdom, Thy rule and Thy love in the hearts of men, and hasten the day when the angels' song shall find an echo in every heart, ''Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.'' This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angel gave the sign.
Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love Divine,—
Worship we our Jesus.

—*Christina Rossetti.*

Indian Evangelists at Special Classes

By Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy

THE rainy season in India is a time when evangelistic workers cannot get around as they can at other times of the year. Especially is this true of rural districts, as found in the Bhil field of our Mission. When we say rainy season, we do not wish to imply that rain falls continuously. The monsoon breaks in Central India about the middle of June. From then until the end of September there may be a few days of continuous rainfall, but very often days are characterized by showers rather than steady rain. This year there were sixteen inches of rain to the end of July. Unfortunately for the farmers we had very little rain in August, which means that crops are only about half what they should be.

For two reasons we cannot do much at this season. One is that it is too wet to tramp along muddy roads and over foot-paths through fields. Secondly, a very big hindrance to our work is the fact that farmers are busy in their fields all day long, and do not wish to stop to listen to us. Consequently, we who are in evangelistic work usually take advantage of the rainy season to have special classes with the workers. In Amkhut Professor Labhu Mal, of the Gujuanwala Seminary in the Punjab, conducted classes during the month of August. Men from Barwani, Jobat, Alirajpur, Mendha, Sardi, and Amkhut attended, deriving much benefit from the lectures. Peter, one of the compounders in Jobat hospital, said, ''I didn't really know Jesus before, but now I do, and I want to tell other people about Him.''

This year we were very fortunate in Jobat in having Mrs. C. K. Tobit, of Lucknow, come to us for ten days. She is an outstanding Christian worker, one on whom God has laid a special burden for the Indian Church. With her husband, a retired High School principal, she goes wherever she is called, not as a mission worker, but as an independent evangelist, licensed as a missioner by the Church of England. The influence she and her husband exert is untold. It was wonderfully inspiring to listen to them as they challenged their Indian brothers and sisters to a more consecrated life. Their messages are simple, but, as the Word of God always is, forceful.

At 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day there were meetings for all who wished to come, and at 11 a.m. there were special meetings for women. The women were delighted to have special meetings. Practically every woman in the compound was present when the meetings started each day. Miss Maxwell and several Biblewomen came over from Amkhut to be with us. Usually we had nearly half an hour of singing before the message. Some time was devoted to prayer at the end of the meeting. Several people told me that the Word of God had been opened to them in a new way. One woman said, ''I always thought it was quite enough for me that my parents had been Christians, but I've been led to see that only through my own faith in Christ can I gain eternal life.'' To me it seemed that Mrs. Tobit got closer to the women than we missionaries could ever hope to do. Of course, that is only natural, because, being an Indian herself, she has an understanding of Indian thought that we have not.

We feel that the cost of bringing Mr. and Mrs. Tobit to Jobat was very little in comparison with what we all got from the meetings. They made visits to Amkhut, Mendha, and Alirajpur, where they also spoke.

OUR LETTER BOX

Girls Learning to Live

Jhansi, India.

THE first busy month of school has finished. Registration of new pupils, checking up books and all the details of beginning a new school year makes July a busy month. Then there is the hostel work, too, to keep us busy. As you know, our school year in India is different from that at home. We begin in July and our holidays are in May and June, the two hottest months of the year.

This year we have more pupils than ever before. This is partly due to the fact that there is compulsory education in certain areas for the first time,—for children from six to eleven years of age. As Sipri, the residential section near us, is one of the areas, we have had a great many new children in the Primary classes . . . .

The work among the girls has been much more encouraging this year. This is partly because I have had more time to spend in the hostel work. Our teaching staff has been better and our head-mistress, Miss Olive Panna, who came a year ago, is very efficient. That has meant I could let her take a big part of the responsibility of the school work and I have been free to do many things I should have done before, but just couldn't find time for. The girls have had more attention and have not been left just ''to grow like Topsy'',—a small boy at home used to say he ''just growed any which way.''

Manki Bai, the matron, is kept more than busy seeing that they are fed, kept clean, their clothes mended, and last but not least their heads clean. With all these duties for 114 girls you can well see Manki Bai has more than one woman's job to do. To make the work easier it is planned on the big sister idea. Each teen-age girl has two or three small girls in her charge. She looks after their clothing, their cleanliness, and cares for them if they are sick. If they are not properly cared for, then the big sister or ''Bua'', as she is called, is punished, if need be, or taught how to do her work properly.

Our smallest one this year is Ruth, the small daughter of Miss Whatling's cook. She is a spoiled child, so we expected trouble when she came into the hostel. Contrary to our expectations, she has been very good indeed. The first day she cried, as did many others, when her mother left her. The mother, too, was feeling badly about leaving her ''baby'' in school, so the older brother went to see what Ruth was doing. Evidently in the meantime someone had been teasing her after her mother left, so she didn't think much of them. Ruth met him at the gate all smiles and said all in one breath, ''Hello, brother, the girls here are very bad. It is well I came to show them how to behave.'' The brother came back laughing and told his mother that he thought Ruth was quite capable of looking after herself.

Next in size to Ruth is six-year-old Sharola from Maudaha, a place about a hundred miles distant. Saturday is visiting day and the boys in the Boys' School who have sisters in the school are allowed to visit them. Sharola hasn't a brother, but one of the big boys is her uncle. She told the girls that she didn't think her uncle should come to see her. He wasn't a brother and the rule was only brothers could come. Therefore, he had better not come, as the other girls might think he was her boy friend and girls in school should not have boy friends.

Little Chirning, who has been the smallest, now feels she is quite grown up. I wonder if you have heard about Chirning? She is Neapoli and looks very much like a Chinese child. Her full name is Chirning Puti. Her father was a servant for an officer stationed in Jhansi. He had looked after Chirning from the time she was two weeks old. The mother is an ayah for a family who are now in England. The father left Chirning with us. He pays fees for her and clothes her. When we came to decide about fees he begged me to charge more and clothe her. He said, ''I buy clothes, they be different; other girls laugh. So I pay, you buy clothes; then no be different and girls no laugh.'' So after that appeal I agreed to buy clothes. In religion the father is a Buddhist, but he puts no restrictions on what we teach the child and indeed seems very glad that she gets Christian teaching. In speaking of the family for whom he worked, he told me they were funny people; he could not trust them to care for Chirning, as he could his old master's wife. He said, ''Old master and mistress Christian, so I trust. New master, no know what he is, but he no Christian.'' As he has gone away with the regiment for seven months, and left Chirning here, paying fees in advance, it shows how he trusts Christians. Pray that he, too, may be brought to know and accept the Master.

That is just a little about some of our little ones. The others are just as interesting and just like any small child at home, fond of play and mischief.

Our older girls, too, are as fine a group as could be found anywhere. This year I am glad to report that they are seriously thinking of spiritual things. A number have entered into full membership of the Church and there are now nine more in the communicants' class. In the choir, in special services in the Church, and in city Sunday School work, they are keen to do their part. Last Saturday evening at prayers one teen-age girl prayed that she and all the girls might be used as shining lights before the non-Christian pupils. She asked that they be kept from disgracing the Master's name before unbelievers. May we be guided in our teaching of these young lives so that, as they go out from our school, they may indeed be shining lights in the darkness of heathendom.

Premi Joshua, one of our girls in the Almora High School, wrote to me last week, ''I am looking forward to the day when I can serve Him. The teaching of Prayer and to seek the kingdom of God first is in my heart. I will not forget and with His help will strive to follow it always. In my heart are many great desires for His service. I pray that I may be able to work them out.'' God grant she may always keep such things, as she says, in her heart.

The older girls are beginning to realize their responsibilities in the work and management of the hostel as never before. Just one or two incidents to show how they help. Some days ago Manki Bai, the matron, told me she thought there was trouble coming, as the older girls seemed to be having group discussions, usually a sure sign of mischief of some kind. We decided to keep quiet and see what happened. In a day or two we found that the trouble was over one girl who had spoken against her own parents. She felt she was better than they and was ashamed of them. The other girls had scolded her and told her she should obey and honour her parents. If they were poorly clothed, it was because they gave all to the children and she was what she was because of their sacrifice. When she did not listen, they ostracized her for a full week until she came to them and admitted she was in the wrong. Another girl who had been attending school as a day scholar came in as a boarder. As there was some doubt as to her character she was admitted for one month on probation. Before the end of the month she gave trouble and according to the agreement with her parents she was to go home. The matron and girls pleaded that she be given another chance. Her home was, sad to say, not all a home should be, and they said, ''If she goes home she'll get worse and worse. Can't we try to save her?'' So Helena is still in school and we believe their influence is helping her to get a cleaner, better idea of life.

Do the girls know where they stand and what they believe? some one asks. In answer to that, ''Yes''. I told you we had nine girls in the communicants' class. Five of these girls from our own mission were accepted as full members. The other four, as they were from other missions, were advised to join their own Church during vacation. All refused and two said, ''We want to join here because we get a chance to serve. We will feel we are a part of His Church, doing something for Him. In our own Church our name will be on the register and that's all.'' All four were told to write to their parents and tell them how they felt and we feel sure that they will be the first to come forward next time.

I close with appreciation of your help and the earnest wish that you will continue in prayer for our work and an abundant harvest.

—*Irene Stringer.*

News from Mistawasis

Mistawasis Reserve, Mont Nebo, Sask.

THE clothing has been received and distributed and the hearts of the children made glad and ours also for such an abundant supply of warm, pretty and serviceable clothing.

I wish to thank the persons, or person, who made for me such a beautiful and useful afghan of which I am indeed proud. It is a real work of art and we shall take many lessons for the teaching of our little girls in knitting and harmonizing colours from it.

We have one class of large girls, but most of our thirty-five children are small and as there are many babies the baby clothing is in great demand and it is so dainty and pretty that the mothers vie with each other in dressing their little ones, as they always take their babies to church. Our children this year are exceptionally bright, not a dull one amongst them, though we have one or two whom we might call a little lazy.

Our women have taken up a new line of work, namely working at their own native arts and crafts, and Mr. Moore gives one afternoon a week to them. He purchases their materials and finds a market for them, deducting expenses and handing over all the proceeds to those who have made the articles. Some of their beadwork and silk embroidery on leather is very beautiful. A beaded vest has just been sold for $25. Of course, the cost of materials runs into quite a sum, but when they work diligently they realize a nice little income. The Hudson's Bay Company has offered them sixty cents a pair for plain moccasins, as many as they like to make. At first they declined the offer, but on more deliberate consideration, as one can make four pairs a day along with her housework, a number of them took up the offer. Materials for each pair cost fifty cents, but they decided that forty cents a day is worth working for. We hope they will see that it will pay them to be systematic in giving part of their earnings to the Church and the Women's Missionary Society. We have engaged the services of one of the best workers in these crafts to teach the larger girls, so that their skill in these may be perpetuated when the older generation has passed out of this sphere of service.

I regret very much that I have not been able to do so much of the work I love during the past nine months, as having a nurse's diploma as well as a teacher's certificate, I formerly made myself as useful as possible in these capacities as well as in Sunday School work.

We have had an unusually large number of deaths amongst the aged and the small children during the passing year and it has been my regret that I have not been more useful at such times. It has been a great pleasure to me to help to carry out Dr. Duncan's (our reserve doctor) instructions and he has been very successful and understands the diseases, which he treats with great success when his instructions are followed.

Our W.M.S. has not been so active or successful this year, but we have so many projects requiring attention and the people are not so comfortable or well-off in their homes as we should like them to be. However, we have a very healthy crowd of school children and they are very happy and always prefer coming to school rather than getting holidays, which most of us preferred when we were children. Yesterday and to-day a specialist has examined our children and found only two who have lung trouble.

—(Mrs.) J. W. Moore.

What To Read

BY MARGARET NESS

CHRISTMAS again! Why not make this a ''book'' Christmas? Everyone appreciates a book, if well chosen.

For children (3-5 years of age) there are three delightful books (30c. each): **Mitsu**, a little girl of Japan; **Ah Fu**, a Chinese river boy; **The Three Camels**, a tale of India.

Boys (8-13 years of age) will love **Vagabond Wong** (50c.), a story of a Chinese boy and an English boy in a flood in China. We also have a few copies, at 50c., of **The Boys' Life of Christ.** Girls of the same age will enjoy reading about **Little Kin Chan** (40c.), a Japanese girl who attends a Mission school.

For adults the choice is wide. Musical friends would find much of interest in **One Hundred and One Hymn Stories** (75c.), in which the circumstances leading to the writing of the hymns are briefly told. **Life's Little Problems** (75c), by Pengelly Kerr, is still one of our most popular gift books. Then there are Oswald Chambers' books, always acceptable gifts, **The Place of Help** ($1.25) and **So Send I You** ($1.00); and, also, the Rev. Wm. Allan's three books, at $1.00 each, **Crowded Ways, The Quiet Place, Musings.**

Three purely devotional books are well recommended for gifts: two by Miller, **In Green Pastures** and **Come Ye Apart**, are 75c. each; Baillie's **Diary of Private Prayer** is $1.25.

For those who wish to introduce Isobel Cameron to their friends there is her book **Gillian Munro** at $1.25.

There are still a few copies of **Agnes Dickson** (45c.) available. It is an inexpensive gift book which, at the same time, should interest the recipient in our work.

Mrs. Goforth's book, **Goforth of China**, is now ready, $2.25.

Two new books are now added to our gift list: **Jesus Asks a Question** ($1.00), by Rev. Stuart Parker, a companion volume to his **Little Tales of Jesus** ($1.00), a series of evening sermons on the parables of our Lord, and **Keepers of the Faith** ($1.00), by Rev. E. A. Thomson, which comprises short biographies of the great Reformers in England and Scotland and on the Continent.

The Publications Department will not be carrying Christmas cards or calendars, but, for the convenience of those wishing them, we shall be glad to see that prices and samples are forwarded to any of our women who write to us for information.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

WHY NOT NEW IDEAS?

OCCASIONALLY we learn of new ideas which have proved interesting and informative. The following "new idea" was used with much success by the Young Women's Auxiliary of Aurora, Ontario.

In order that each member might know one field and know it well, it was decided to start "Mission Books". Loose-leaf books were purchased at Woolworth's for fifteen cents. The ruled paper was removed and plain paper inserted. A list of the missionaries and their respective fields was made. Then each member was asked to choose the field which she wished to represent as its Ambassador. On the inside cover of her book she then pasted a small map of the field, the names of the missionaries stationed there and the estimates for that field, which appear in the January *Glad Tidings.*

What to Put in the Book. In the first place it was essential that each Ambassador read her *Glad Tidings* to get the latest information about her field. Back numbers of the *Glad Tidings* were used to secure pictures of the missionaries, hospitals, residences, etc. Then each month information about the field was clipped from the *Glad Tidings* and pasted in the book, care being taken to have the date on the clipping in order to show when the information was obtained. These clippings included articles regarding the country, people, customs, letters from the missionaries, etc.

How to Use the Book. At each meeting the Ambassadors brought ''News Flashes'' from their fields. These were given in just a sentence or two. In this way the group knew when changes in the work were made. If needs could not be met because of lack of funds, the members made a greater effort, or if any new work was undertaken, they rejoiced.

Each member was asked to pray for her own missionaries and in this way none were neglected. The roll-call was answered with the name of a missionary or the number on the field, etc.; the question to be answered had been announced at the previous meeting.

When each member has learned in this way the names of her missionaries and something of their work, she will always be interested in them and doubly interested to see and hear them when home on furlough. What a great help it will be to the President to have members with the latest information available on every field and in time each one an authority on her own field!

Do you not think it would be well for all members to start a ''Mission Book''? You will find it most interesting when you work at it a while, and it is an interest that never dies but grows. These books may also be used in preparing papers and may be loaned to other members.

If you would care to try this plan in your group and would like some suggestions on how to divide the work of the W.M.S. into fields and where to find pictures or a list of missionaries of our Society, please write to Miss T. Negoro, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario.

Have you a ''new idea'' which has proved interesting and helpful to your group? Tell us about it and we will pass it on.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

THEME: BETHLEHEM? FOLLOW YON STAR!

ONE whole month to think and plan for the ''holiest month of all the year.'' Where candles are more than candles,—God's night! Where all stars are more than stars,—a part of ''the Star'' which hung over Bethlehem! Where pine-trees, ever green, fill us with a sense of inner joy,—beauty and incense rare!

Would you like the idea of every one in the group lighting a candle just as soon as it was dark enough on Christmas Eve and, while the candle is burning, taking a slip of paper and writing on it a wish that would make the world better if it could come true? Jesus came that we might have life rich, full and fine. Do you suppose He is still wanting to use us to make our world happier because we are in it? Would this help to make Christmas Day a real celebration of His birthday?

I would reach out to all my friends, this Holy Night,
Touching anew the tip of a star, hung in a pine.
Soft, white, falling snow—
And the clear cold tones of the midnight bells.
A child's eyes, wide in mystic wonder;
And deep twilight calling to you through the gleam of
a candle's flame.

Worship Setting: A single unlighted candle on the altar.

Prelude: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (with violin).

The Shepherds' Story: Luke II: 8-16.

During the reading of the Scripture, three shepherds enter from the left and stand at the left of the altar.

The Wise Men's Journey: Matthew II: 1-12.

The wise men enter from the right and stand at the right of the altar; with them enter two girls, bearing gifts of work and love.

Leader: We have listened to the story of the shepherds, have seen the wise men cross the desert, following the star, and now we are trying to tell over again this story of love and make it live in the hearts of everyone with our gifts and ourselves. Shall we bow our hearts to God?

Our Father, may the beauty and joy of this Christmas make our hearts sing with utter thankfulness. We are thankful that we can in a small way bring happiness to our friends. Help us to pray each day for them, to have a friendly smile for everyone, a hand quick to do helpful things, and a heart ready for Thy wisdom, understanding, and love. Father, we love our Christmas symbols, the star, the lighted candles, the pine-tree. They all mean more to us as we have lived each day closer to Bethlehem. Amen.

(A girl enters and lights the candle.)

Christmas Story in Song (One stanza of each hymn sung by the group.)

The manger—"Away in a Manger".
The shepherds—"Angels from the realms of glory".
The star—"As with gladness men of old".
The Wise Men—"From the eastern mountains".
The triumph—"O Come, all ye faithful".

The Festival of Lights (Presented by the girl who lights the candle.)

As this is our last meeting before Christmas Eve, we have planned a way for each of us to remember and find the star that led the wise men to the very feet of Jesus. We have a candle for each one of you, which is to be lighted on Christmas Eve just as soon as it is dark enough for candles. While your candle is shining in the dark, will you take a slip of paper and write on it the very best wish you can make—a wish that, if it were to come true, would make the world a better place? You can put your name on the ''wish'' or not, but be sure to bring it with you to the next meeting.

A merry Christmas to you all!

Benediction Hymn: ''Silent Night'' (Music played while heads are bowed.)

Leader: God's love go with you. Amen.

—Adapted from *The International Journal of Religious Education.*

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

SAINT NICHOLAS

AS December is the month when we keep Christmas, the story is about a saint who is often thought about at that time. His name is Nicholas. He lived about three hundred years after Christ. He has been called ''the children's saint'', partly because he was such a good child himself. There is a story that he put his little hands together, as if he were saying prayers, when he was quite a little baby, and as he grew up he was gentle and kind. He loved helping people and he was always on the look-out for anything he could do.

When he grew up to be a man he kept the same habit, and rather than spend money on himself he would find out some poor person who was in need and give it to him.

People began to praise him and think a great deal of him, and because he was humble and modest he tried to hide his good deeds. He would go after dark, wrapped in a big cloak, and leave a bag of money on a window-sill, or just inside an open door, and slip away before he was seen.

When people found an unexpected present like that, they knew that Nicholas had been by. ''He is a saint,'' they said to each other. ''We must call him Saint Nicholas.''

In their country the word for ''saint'' is ''santa'', so they called him ''Santa Nicholas.''

One Christmas Eve he heard of a family in great distress. They had no money to buy food or fire. The door and windows were shut to keep in any warmth there was, so when ''Santa Nicholas'' came by, he could not leave his bag of money anywhere.

It was a poor little house of one story and Nicholas climbed up a bank behind the house and got on to the roof, and dropped the bag of gold down the chimney.

The father and mother and children inside heard a noise like a bird in the chimney—scuffle-scuffle, scrape-scrape—then, plop, fell a purse into a stocking hanging by the chimney-corner to dry.

''Dear Santa Nicholas again,'' they said, as they ran to the shop to buy firing and food, but they spoke quickly and it sounded like *Santa -c-las.*

And that is why we speak of Santa Claus at Christmas time when we expect a present, and that is why some children hang up their stockings, hoping that Santa Claus will put something into them.

—M.W. in *Morning Rays.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. C. E. Jamieson, 1610 12th Ave., W., Calgary, Press Secretary

EDMONTON P.S.—Mrs. Sykes, Provincial President, attended the installation of Rev. M. S. and Mrs. Blackburn in the Vegreville School Residence, reporting forty pupils in attendance and the re-opening of the Girls' Residence.

Macleod P.S.—St. John's Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, mourns the death of a valued and beloved member, Mrs. J. A. Carbert. Always a tower of strength in the missionary cause, Mrs. Carbert was Auxiliary President for nine years, besides serving as a Provincial Vice-President and a Presbyterial officer. At the time of her death, she was Welcome and Welfare Secretary for Macleod Presbyterial and her own Auxiliary, and though during the past year she was often unable to attend meetings, her telephone was used more for missionary work than for anything else, and her interest never flagged . . . Her passing leaves a void, but her work will still bear fruit.

Red Deer P.S.—An all-day session of Red Deer Presbyterial Executive in Innisfail Church on October 8th was attended by twenty-five members and delegates. All reports were encouraging, and detailed plans were made for three sectional meetings. Mrs. Jack presided. Inspirational missionary addresses were given by Miss Macdonald, deaconess, Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Innisfail, and Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Carstairs, stress being laid on the necessity of a real enthusiasm for missions. At the noon hour Miss Macdonald met with the leaders of girls' groups, this work being made a subject for prayer.

Calgary P.S.—Calgary Auxiliaries were delighted to have a visit from Miss Anderson on her return trip to Japan. At a meeting in Knox Church she spoke of the hunger of the Koreans among whom she works for the Gospel, and of their New Year holidays spent in Bible study classes, with daybreak prayer-meetings. She displayed a calendar showing the topics for all the Auxiliary meetings, and named five signs of revival.

Three Hills has organized a Girls' Mission Band with Mrs. Claude Davidson as leader.

The Mission Band at Pleasant Heights, Calgary, has a rapidly growing membership, having fifty at their last meeting. This Band is only one year old.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Church, Calgary, united with the congregation in tendering Rev. L. L. Young a farewell before he returned to his work among the Koreans in Japan. He was presented with a billfold containing a sum of money. Greater interest will be felt in this field of missionary labour because of the association with Mr. Young. Mrs. Young and their daughter are remaining in Calgary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA P.S.—An enjoyable get-together of all women of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, was held under the auspices of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. Wm. E. Ellis and Mrs. J. Kennedy received the guests and Mrs. Ellis in her opening remarks welcomed the large gathering. Tea was served by the social committee and a musical programme which had been arranged by Mrs. J. P. Jaffray was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, Home Helpers Secretary, delivered a spirited address on the unity which should at all times exist between all branches of work in every church. That this unity exists was shown by the large number present.

The executive of Victoria Presbyterial met for its first meeting after the holidays on September 24th. A splendid, spirited meeting was held and arrangements were made for a Presbyterial rally to be held during the Moderator's visit to Victoria.

At the meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Victoria, on September 20th, the treasurer and the secretaries of various departments gave excellent reports, every one of which was most encouraging. Rev. Mr. Wedderburn, M.A., B.D., of Brandon, Manitoba, took charge of the devotional period and delivered a stimulating address. Rev. Mr. Lundie, of Sooke, gave a fine report of the Assembly meeting in Ottawa, dwelling particularly on the missionary work undertaken by the Presbyterian Church and the large share of it taken by the women. Mr. Lundie's address was most inspiring and encouraged the women to go forward in the good work and thus live up to the W.M.S. motto to ''Win the World for Christ''.

Westminster P.S.—On September 21st Westminster Presbyterial met in Central Church, Vancouver, to do honour to Miss Ellen Douglas, ere she departed to resume work in the Bhil field in India. Guests were present from distant parts of the Presbytery, all anxious to meet Miss Douglas once again and wish her Godspeed. Mrs. D. A. Fowlie presided and Mrs.

R. M. Thomson spoke for the Provincial. Miss Jean Griffiths and Miss Beatrice Rollo contributed music to the programme. A purse and flowers were the parting love token of the Presbyterial to Miss Douglas. The Mission Band Leaders' Council and the Vancouver Y.W. Leaders' Fellowship also presented gifts. All were sorry to say good-bye, but proud of having such a representative abroad as Miss Douglas, who has won all hearts wherever she has gone during her furlough.

The work of Residential Schools for Indians in Canada was the topic at the October meeting of Fairview W.M.S. Auxiliary. The Treasurer, Mrs. F. J. Stewart, who has just returned from a visit to her brother, Rev. W. W. Moore, Principal of Mistawasis Improved Day School, was able to give first-hand information. A new church, planned and built wholly by Indian labour, was opened on this reserve in 1933. It is interesting to learn that Mrs. Moore has recently obtained Government consent to institute classes in arts and crafts and has already obtained wonderful results. Home-made fishing nets are most in demand. Elderly Indians are brought from distant reserves to instruct the students in arts and crafts.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON P.S.—Miss Violet Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary, visited Brandon Presbyterial on September 28th, speaking at a joint meeting of the various organizations of St. Andrew's and First Churches on the significance of a girls' organization to the local Church and to the Church at large.

A new girls' group has been organized at Boissevain and already the girls have two layettes finished and about $15 in the treasury.

At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Brandon, the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. F. McKay and Rev. W. J. Allen. Mrs. E. C. Tatton brought greetings from First Church and Mrs. J. Gray gave a fine address on the new life of the Missionary Society.

Superior P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, Fort Frances, was held on Thanksgiving Day, with Mrs. R. H. Coldridge presiding. Rev. J. N. Hepburn, of Lethbridge, Alberta, conducted the devotional service. Members of the C.G.I.T. groups and the Mission Band were present with their leaders to hear the address of Miss Violet Tennant. A wee Mission Band girl sang and two C.G.I.T. members gave readings. After the meeting the C.G.I.T. groups served refreshments.

At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Fort William, Miss Anne Munro, formerly of Fort William, told of her work as medical missionary among the primitive people in the Ganjam district in India. With no one to talk English to, Miss Munro keeps a diary, from whose records she kept the audience tense. She is now translating the New Testament for her people.

Miss Violet Tennant visited Fort William and Port Arthur, speaking to the Mission Bands of both cities on ''Why we go to Mission Band'', and to the C.G.I.T. on the origin and growth of the C.G.I.T. and what it should mean to each member. She taught the girls new games and songs. The leaders met Miss Tennant later. To the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Port Arthur Miss Tennant spoke on ''The Canadian Girl in a Changing World''. The members are looking forward to having her longer another year.

Winnipeg P.S.—Kildonan Auxiliary's choice of a Sunday afternoon, October 17th, for their Thank-offering meeting proved very satisfactory from the point of view of both attendance and offering. Rev. J. Fleck, of St. John's Church, gave an interesting address on ''True Missionary Work'', pointing out that it should be far-reaching, not confined to our own Church. Mrs. J. P. Duffin reviewed the work of the Women's Missionary Society, showing that to have a share, no matter how small, in that work is a privilege. Mrs. A. Jordan sang a beautiful hymn, ''Somebody''.

At the October Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg, Rev. W. Gordon Maclean conducted the devotional service. Rev. H. K. Johnston, of the Irish Presbyterian Mission in Manchuria, at home on furlough, spoke on ''The Church in Manchuria,'' giving a vivid picture of what is happening in that country and closing with an appeal to all to realize the unity of the Church,—if one member suffers, all the members suffer. Mr. Johnston's work is close to that of our own missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Allan Reoch and Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Johnson. A graduate of Manitoba University, when our Church could not send him to the foreign field, he returned to Northern Ireland, and there received his appointment.

Winnipeg Presbyterial was greatly rejoiced at the presence of Miss Violet Tennant, who with her enthusiasm and deep interest in all that pertains to girls' work, gave many helpful suggestions and real stimulus to both leaders and girls to carry on. A detailed report will be given later of the splendid results arising out of this visit. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody, took this opportunity to visit the various groups in both city and outlying districts with Miss Tennant.

ONTARIO

Miss E. MacBeth, 206 Havelock Street, Toronto, Press Secretary

THE Provincial Board of Management met in Calvin Church, Toronto, on October 13, 14 and 15 with 23 Presbyterial Presidents and 27 officers and secretaries present, representing 1,357 organizations and 33,044 members. New members were cordially welcomed by Mrs. J. A. Hilts, who presided at all sessions. During an animated discussion on

Finance, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, Treasurer and Finance Secretary, urged that each Auxiliary and each Presbyterial rally to meet its allocation ''so that once more we may experience the profound joy of fulfilling our obligation—this means that each member must be loyal to her individual responsibility.'' Miss Helen Mackintosh, Editor, gave information on some matters arising from the *Glad Tidings* report and Mrs. J. D. Holman led in a helpful discussion on Report Forms. Dr. Jessie MacBean, formerly medical missionary in Canton, China, and now Superintendent of the Society's Chinese work in Toronto, was an honoured guest on Thursday afternoon and gave an address on ''The Growth of the Republic in China''. Keen regret was expressed at the resignation of Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Orillia, who has given valuable service as Home Helpers Secretary. Mrs. Wm. Ekins, Hespeler, Mrs. L. B. Beath, Toronto, and Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa, spoke on the Young Women's, Girls' Organizations, and Mission Band departments. Mrs. C. S. Bootes presided over ''a feast of good books'' on the Literature table. A round-table conference for Presbyterial Presidents brought out helpful discussion.

The Lindsay Presbyterial Executive met in St. Andrew's Church, Sonya, Mrs. J. A. Lucas presiding. Reports were gratifying, especially that of the Mission Band Secretary, who reported that last year Mrs. G. H. Matthie's group of St. Andrew's, Lindsay, had made Georgina McMillan a Junior member and this year Georgina had herself earned and paid in twenty dollars, thus completing her Life Membership certificate. Mrs. John Kelman, Girls' Organizations Secretary of the Council, spoke at a mother and daughter banquet in Lindsay and as a result of her message a C.G.I.T. group was organized. At the October Thank-offering meeting at St. Andrew's, Lindsay, Mrs. J. D. Holman, Young Women's Secretary, spoke on her recent visit to the Western Provincials.

Another Golden Jubilee in Maitland Presbyterial was celebrated in September at Chalmers Church, Whitechurch. Mrs. R. Mowbray welcomed members from Wingham, Lucknow, Teeswater, Calvin and Langside. Regret was expressed that Miss Annie Clow, Wingham, the only surviving charter member, was unable to attend. The history of the Auxiliary, compiled by Mrs. David Kennedy, was read by Mrs. Eli Jacques. Mrs. J. MacLean, Presbyterial President, inspired everyone by her splendid address, ''The Missionary Spirit in the Christian Life''. She paid high tribute to the missionary from Chalmers Church, Mr. Angus MacKay, of the Jhansi field, India. Mrs. John Linklater conveyed greetings from the Teeswater Auxiliary and gave an address on the missionary example set by several women of the New Testament. Mrs. R. McWhinney, of Dungannon, pleaded for continued zeal in missionary effort. Mrs. A. Emerson, who faithfully served the Auxiliary as secretary for thirty consecutive years, closed the memorable meeting with prayer. Tea was served and the ceremony of lighting the fifty candles on the birthday cake was performed by Mrs. D. Kennedy, Mrs. A. Emerson, and Mrs. Eli Jacques.

Knox Church Auxiliary, Drayton, Saugeen Presbyterial, reports activity in all organizations. In July Mrs. Boyer, a former member, now home on furlough, gave a splendid address on Korea to the Senior and Young Women's Auxiliaries. The Guiding Star Mission Band observed their tenth anniversary with a special programme and a birthday cake lighted with ten candles.

Outstanding sectional meetings were held in Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial at Micksburg, Lochwinnoch and Snow Road, the theme of each being ''Take Time to be Holy''. Mrs. Harry Coombs gave a detailed report of the Provincial meeting. Dr. Margaret O'Hara from her wealth of experience brought inspiration in her addresses. Almonte was favoured in having Dr. Tait MacKenzie as a Thank-offering speaker.

The Honorary Membership certificate presented to Miss Helena Gibbs at the summer conference of Paris Presbyterial was from St. Paul's Auxiliary, and the pin the gift of Victoria Auxiliary, Ingersoll.

Miss Alice Ferguson presided at the autumn rally held this year in Eversley Church. Miss E. Tinline, who recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday, read the Scripture lesson. Mrs. A. C. Stewart brought greetings from Toronto Presbyterial and urged that all women meet at the trysting hour of nine o'clock each morning in prayer for the Society's work. ''News from the Fields'' was the subject of a splendid address by Miss Margaret Ness. Mrs. Donald Hendry, Mrs. E. Anderson, and Miss Lundia MacBeth spoke briefly. The pastor, Rev. M. E. Burch, spoke of the carload of fruit and vegetables sent to the drought-stricken areas of the West.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Thamesville Auxiliary, Chatham Presbyterial, a pageant ''The Thank-offering Altars of Israel'' was presented. Ten young women erected the altars, each placing a stone to represent Ararat, Ebenezer, Gilgal, Horeb, Sinai, Bethel, Hermon, Golgotha, Olivet and Zion. Mrs. A. R. Bell, fourth Vice-President of the Presbyterial, gave the address. The girls' groups of Knox Church, Leamington, held a farewell for Miss Jean Hammond before she left to attend Normal School. Jean was a representative at Camp Council, Normandale, last summer. Officers of the newly formed group were elected with Margaret Morris as President. The Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary, Windsor, was addressed by the pastor, Dr. H. M. Paulin, at their Thank-offering meeting.

A well attended sectional meeting was held in September in the beautiful old stone church, Cromarty, in Stratford Presbyterial. Mrs. A. D. Cameron, first Vice-President, presided. Mrs. D. Neil brought a comprehensive report of the Provincial meeting. Miss J. McGrigor, Presbyterial President, gave an address on ''Our Privileges and Responsibilities'', closing with an appeal to the members to pray and give—''but let your praying precede your giving''. The Literature Secretary, Mrs. J. Reidie, had a table of literature on display.

At a meeting of great interest at Caven Church, Bolton, a Young Women's Auxiliary was organized, and officers elected and installed. Over one hundred were present, including Mrs. J. D. Holman, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. A. C. Stewart and Miss E. J. McClelland, Council, Provincial and Presbyterial representatives. Across the lawn in the manse at the same hour a Young Men's Club was organized by the minister, Rev. J. C. Ross. The Senior Auxiliary entertained the two new organizations, when Hallowe'en refreshments were served. Among the new members were great grand-daughters of the pioneers who formed the first Auxiliary there. Norval Auxiliary had Mrs. John Williams, Provincial Corresponding Secretary, as special speaker at their Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. S. D. McClure presided.

The Fidelis Auxiliary of Dovercourt Road Church, Toronto, had Mrs. J. D. Wilkie, Formosa, as speaker at their Thank-offering meeting. Life Membership certificates were presented to Miss Sadie Stewart and Miss Hazel Heard.

Many representatives of the Young Women's Auxiliaries attended the annual supper meeting of Toronto Presbyterial executive in Knox Church, Toronto. Mrs. A. C. Stewart presided. Miss Tsuyuko Negoro, Assistant Young Women's Travelling Secretary, was introduced by Miss E. J. McClelland, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, and spoke briefly. Mrs. H. Wood held ''open house'' in the supply department, where many new ideas were gleaned from the fine display of useful and attractive articles sent in for the bales.

Over 150 present and former members and friends gathered in Knox Church, Goderich, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Arthur Circle. The President, Miss Gertrude Haist, presided. From a group of 12 girls interested in missions, with Mrs. Walter Kelly as President and organizer, Arthur Circle has become a W.M.S. Auxiliary with a roll of 70 members. During this time $14,000 has been sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer. Mrs. D. J. Lane, President of Huron Presbyterial, brought kindly greetings. An interesting talk on ''Do's for a Missionary Society'', and a play, ''Tired of Missions'', presented by Arthur Circle, were greatly enjoyed. Four charter members and ten Presidents had the honour of lighting the candles on the cake which was cut by Mrs. H. C. Dunlop. The anniversary offering amounted to $55.

QUEBEC

MRS. C. RITCHIE BELL, 251 OUTREMONT AVE., OUTREMONT, PRESS SECRETARY

MRS. J. W. DOUGHERTY presided at the half-yearly Provincial Board meeting in Knox Crescent Church, Montreal, on October 19th. There was a large attendance of representatives from Quebec Presbyterial. Encouraging reports showed an increase in interest and continued progress. The Treasurer had forwarded $6,382.39 to the General Treasurer, more than at the same time last year. Miss C. E. Cameron spoke of conditions in the vicinity of Quebec Presbyterial: everything shows signs of greater activity; conditions are improving; but there is still great need of leadership for the Mission Bands. The fact was stressed that recruits for further workers are in our Mission Bands, and we *must* endeavour to make parents see the value of Mission Bands. Miss Murray reported on Tyndale House, Miss Agnes Dickson on the Chinese Mission, Miss Munro on the port work and her new project, hospital visiting in Montreal. Mrs. Laramie, Superintendent during Mrs. Gouldthorpe's year's absence, reported on the splendid work of the Huntingdon School Residence. Rev. Allan Reoch, on furlough from Manchuria, gave a most informative address on the mission work there, showing the growth of the local church. Six years ago there were only about 200 Christians; at the present time there are 3,715 active adult members on the purged roll of the Church. Through these depression years the people have attained to a great measure of self-support. Mr. Reoch spoke of the rising tide of spiritual power—''power through prayer.'' Dr. A. M. Hill, convener of the Board of Missions, gave a survey of the missionary programme of the Church on the foreign fields. He stressed the need for more workers and stated that the Mission Board was striving for greater efficiency in the foreign work. Dr. Hill commended the admirable work of the Women's Missionary Society and the great contribution it has made, and is making, toward the advancement of the Kingdom of God. In the closing message Mrs. O. R. Campbell spoke on ''The Unfinished Task,'' the giving of Christ's Word to all mankind, pointing out three necessary steps in this unfinished work: the study of God's Word; witnessing for Christ and standing firm; prayer and its marvellous power.

Montreal P.S.—At a very successful sectional Mission Band rally on Saturday, October 16th, in the Ormstown Church, there was an encouraging attendance of sixty. Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of Montreal Presbyterial, opened the meeting. Children participated in the devotional period with Marvin Greer reading the Scripture lesson and Genevieve Cullen offering the opening prayer. The Rev. W. Ross, of Ormstown, extended a welcome to the delegates. Miss Lillian Morton, Mission Band Secretary, presented to the Ormstown Band the banner for the best attendance in 1936. The assistant Secretary, Mrs. Theodore G. Morgan, told the children a story outlining the Life of Christ, leading up to the cause of missions. Children from Riverfield, Athelstan and Ormstown, respectively, contributed songs, recitations, and a play. The closing prayer was offered by Marjorie Hooker.

Montreal P.S.—The Rev. Allan Reoch who returns to Manchukuo early next year detailed six years' progress there in an address at a sectional meeting of Montreal Presbyterial in Riverfield on October 23. Splendid types of converts were constantly being gained for the Christian Churches and many of them almost immediately gave substantially of their substance and their talents, with some congregations moving towards a self-sustaining basis. In answer to questions he told of marked improvements in living conditions generally, notably comfortable and speedy trains instead of the former unreliable service. Mrs. O. R. Campbell in an inspirational talk urged those qualified to hold office not to hesitate to accept responsibility when the need for leaders was so great. Reports of Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. groups, read by Mrs. D. Flint and by Mrs. A. MacFarlane, disclosed continued activity and high hopes for the future. Mrs. E. S. Harding, Treasurer, declared it a matter for special encouragement that this year the out-of-town Auxiliaries were all meeting, and in some cases exceeding, their allocations. Mrs. M. E. Pritchard, Supply Secretary, read letters from recipients of supplies in the West deeply appreciative of the generosity of the Women's Missionary groups of Quebec Province. Mrs. W. E. Baker, in a brief summary of activities, found many reasons for encouragement and gratitude as compared with a few years ago. Over one hundred ladies were present.

Mrs. Ashton Kerr gave a farewell tea at her home in Maisonneuve on October 20th for Mrs. Alexander Allen, Corresponding Secretary of Montreal Presbyterial, who, with her husband, the Rev. Alexander Allen, has left Montreal to live in Lunenburg, N.S. On behalf of the Presbyterial, Mrs. W. E. Baker presented Mrs. Allen with an Honorary Membership and pin. The guests were the Executive of the Presbyterial, some members of St. Cuthbert's Church, and friends from the Maisonneuve Presbyterian Church, who presented Mrs. Allen with a bouquet of russet 'mums in appreciation of past kindnesses.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. R. M. PATERSON, LUSELAND, PRESS SECRETARY

SASKATOON P.S.—The Mission Helpers Band of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, presented the president, Gwyneth James, with a Junior Membership certificate and pin. During her five years as a member of the Band she has missed only four meetings, and those because of illness. After the presentation the W.M.S. Auxiliary entertained the Band members and their mothers at their annual tea.

Parkview W.M.S. Auxiliary opened the fall term with a good attendance. The full report of the Council Executive as given in the Blue Book was read, as well as a paper on ''Conditions of Modern Times''.

St. Andrew's, Saskatoon, heard an interesting address by Miss Mabel Booth on her work among the Ukrainian people of Toronto. Mrs. W. G. Brown gave a report on the recent meeting in Montreal of the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Edmonton P.S.—Junior Auxiliary, First Church, Edmonton; Agnes Forbes Mission Band, Flying Shot, Grande Prairie; David Livingstone Mission Band, Vegreville.

Macleod P.S.—Auxiliary, Shaughnessy; Mission Band, Shaughnessy.

Manitoba

Brandon P.S.—C.G.I.T., Lenore; Girls' Auxiliary, Hartney; Girls' Guild, Wellwood.

Superior P.S.—Three C.G.I.T. Groups, Geraldton.

Ontario

Algoma P.S.—Two C.G.I.T. Groups, Sault Ste. Marie.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—Mildred Soutar Mission Band, St. Andrew's Church, Allenford.

Guelph P.S.—Organized S.S. Class, Waterloo.

Hamilton P.S.—Y.W. Affiliated Group, Fort Erie North.

Kingston P.S.—Y.W.A., graduated from Girls' Organization, St. Andrew's Church, Kingston.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—Y.W.A., Lochwinnoch, Glasgow Station.

Orangeville P.S.—Mission Band, St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburg.

Peterborough P.S.—C.G.I.T. Group, Colborne.

Saugeen P.S.—Y.W.A., Knox Church, Conn.

Temiskaming P.S.—Auxiliary, Kirkland Lake; Mission Band, Kirkland Lake.

Toronto P.S.—C.G.I.T. Group, Maple; Y.W.A., Bolton; Morning Star Mission Band, Boston Church, Milton.

Quebec

Montreal P.S.—Y.W. Affiliated Group, Huntingdon.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

British Columbia

Victoria P.S.—To Mrs. R. A. Brown, presented by the Presbyterial.

Ontario

Sarnia P.S.—To Mrs. Jonathan Goforth, in memory of her husband, presented by the Presbyterial.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF W.M.S. WORKERS

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Indians in Canada. Mr. E. W. Byers (Principal), Mrs. E. W. Byers (Matron), Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, Ont.; Rev. E. H. Lockhart (Principal), Mrs. E. H. Lockhart (Matron), Birtle, Man.; Rev. W. Moore (Teacher), Mistawasis Reserve, Leask, Sask.

Hospitals. Miss Mary W. Cuddy (Superintendent), Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.; Miss A. L. McPherson (Superintendent), Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.

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I put food in the eating place,
Drink in the drinking place,
Music in the listening place;
And, in the sacred name of the Triune,
He blessed myself and my house,
And my cattle and my dear ones.
And the lark said in his song,
    Often, often, often,
Goes the Christ in the stranger's guise;
    Often, often, often,
Goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

—*Translated by Kenneth Macleod.*

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